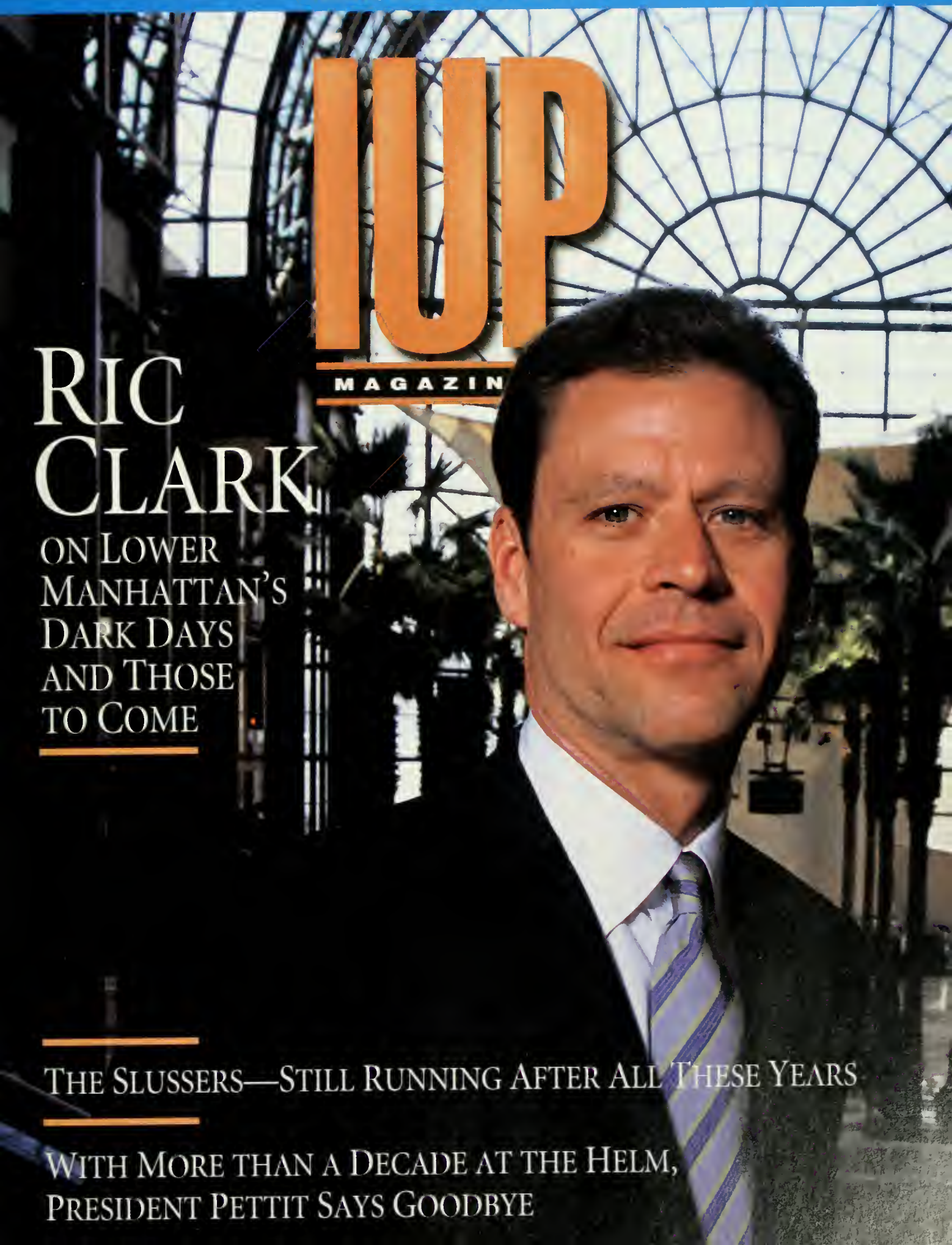
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Endangered Exchange

By Karen Gresh









From top:
An elephant shrew

Victoria Falls—the Devil's Cataract

Hippopotamuses (the word in Greek means "river horse")

A bull elephant in Zimbabwe's Kariba region.

Photography courtesy of Michael Kesner and Jan Humphreys

What the U.S. State Department terms political, economic, and humanitarian crises in the southern African nation of Zimbabwe have at least temporarily halted an exchange program between IUP and the University of Zimbabwe. The groundwork, painstakingly laid, had begun to pay dividends, but as of late spring, the African university, located in the capital city of Harare, was closed.

"It took five years to break down the barriers we encountered," Michael Kesner said. "We have a base of good feelings that has been established. When the situation turns around, this thing will blossom."

Kesner is part of an IUP program committee that also comprises committee chairperson Amadu Ayebo, Alicia Linzey, and Jan Humphreys. All, like Kesner, are faculty members in the IUP Biology Department. At the University of Zimbabwe, the program is administered by the Department of Biological Sciences faculty.

Years of exploitation have left southern Africans wary of interaction with more "developed" parts of the world. The fabulous natural resources that exist in Zimbabwe make it an especially attractive destination; many visitors, though, are not particularly interested in learning about Zimbabwe's culture or shedding their own prejudices.

The IUP approach is different. In a report on the exchange program in 2002, Kesner and Linzey wrote: "Both faculty and students at IUP have come to a fuller understanding of a part of the world largely foreign to them....They have come to appreciate that quality work is not totally dependent on superior facilities...They have been able to move beyond generalizations and to appreciate the sometimes-subtle difference between cultural, political, and social systems and further appreciate that the comparison does not always favor the U.S."

Among the four IUP faculty members on the program committee, there exists more than fifty years of research connected with Zimbabwe. Both Linzey (1992-1993) and Kesner (1999-2000) have had Fulbright Fellowships for research in southern Africa. "We just fell in love with the place," Kesner said.

Zimbabwe, according to Linzey, is "absolutely in a unique part of the world. For mammalogists, it's Nirvana. Pennsylvania has lots of great animals, but the experience of seeing elephants and aardvarks in the wild is beyond comparison."

The four faculty members wanted to make the same experience available to students and faculty here. And, they also wanted to see the treasures they found in Zimbabwe continue to exist and flourish. "We became interested in doing what we could to give back to the people of Zimbabwe. We wanted to ensure that they were well-trained and able to deal with the country's environmental and public health concerns," Kesner said.

To date, four students and one professor have come to IUP from the University of Zimbabwe. The students are Stephanie Keeling, Chioniso Masamha, Johannes Chirima, and Zivanai Tsvuura, and the professor is Benjamin Dube. Not only are there new sights for those who travel both east and west, but,

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FRONT COVER: Ric Clark in Lower Manhattan's restored Winter Garden. Photograph by John Bender.

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Dealer in Downtown's future

By Karen Gresh



Ric Clark's office in Lower Manhattan's One Liberty Plaza building has an unobstructed view of the sky and an occasional glimpse of the Hudson River. Afternoon sun streams in on bright days, and storms from the west announce themselves early with lowering clouds that blur the line between river and sky.

It was not always so. Before September 11, 2001, Clark's office was in shade much of the time; his office windows looked directly into the South Tower of the World Trade Center.

Clark graduated from IUP in 1980. In August, 2001, his selection as the next president and chief executive officer of Brookfield Properties Corporation was made public. Brookfield is a leading North American commercial real estate company, and Clark was due to take over the following April, moving up from the post of president and chief executive of Brookfield's U.S. commercial operations.

Among Brookfield's holdings at the time were eight million square feet of space in four office towers surrounding the World Trade Center. Included, in addition to One Liberty Plaza, were Towers One, Two, and Four of the World Financial Center and the ten-story Winter Garden atrium at the center of the Financial Center complex.

On September 11, Clark followed his normal routine, driving from his suburban home and arriving at the office about 7 a.m. Nearly two hours later, when the first plane hit, he remembered that "the whole building shook. It

Originally built at a cost of $60 million, the Winter Garden on September 11, 2001, sustained $50 million in damage. At one end, the pedestrian bridge that daily carried eighty thousand people across West Street to and from the North Tower was crushed by the collapse of the tower's top ten floors. Reconstruction of the Winter Garden involved five hundred workers replacing two thousand panes of glass and sixty thousand square feet of tricolor European marble. On September 12, 2002, Clark welcomed President and Mrs. George W. Bush to the restored structure.

Photographs by John Bender



Ric Clark and the view from his office: the buildings to the left are part of the World Financial Center complex; the ten-story Winter Garden is between the two tallest ones. Everything between Clark and those buildings is the former site of the World Trade Center. Part of the center's underground parking garage—the only remaining structure—is visible to the right.

sounded like a train wreck. I looked out the window and saw a big hole in the North Tower."

Clark was on the telephone when the second plane hit the South Tower. At that point, Brookfield's evacuation plans were activated. As six thousand people left One Liberty Plaza, streaming eastward away from the Trade Center site, Clark went in the opposite direction to check on the status of the World Financial Center properties.

Thirty-five thousand people were evacuating the World Financial Center, scattering south, west, and north. According to an expert in disaster planning, "Brookfield evacuated their buildings in record time. Their buildings performed by leaps and bounds better than any others in Lower Manhattan, because they were prepared and trained."

Clark was on Broadway, trying to get back to One Liberty Plaza, when the South Tower collapsed. He reversed course, ran up Park Row, and jumped into a music store. "From the looks of the guys who came in after me," he said, "I must have been the last one to outrun the avalanche of dust and debris."

When the dust had settled twenty minutes later, Clark was back on the street, walking through SoHo and the East Village, all the while trying to call colleagues by cell phone. Finally, at 11:30, he reached a Brookfield construction office at Madison Avenue and Forty-first Street.

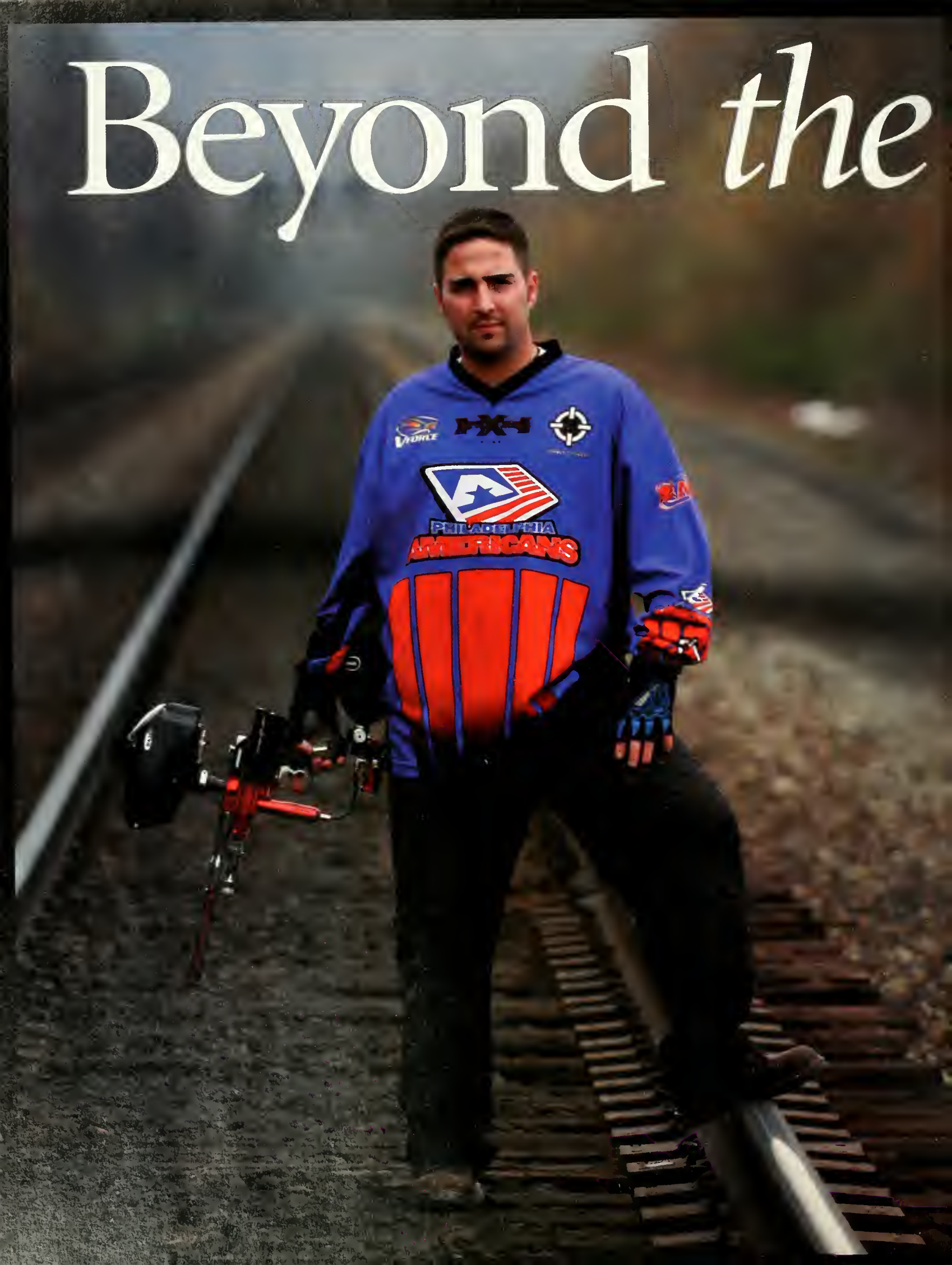
Clark was soon joined by members of the company's core group, all of whom had independently straggled into the Midtown office with the unerring precision of homing pigeons. Although communication was spotty throughout the city, Clark and his colleagues went to work. Within forty-eight hours, they were able to confirm that all of Brookfield's employees and tenants were safe. For Clark personally, the news was much grimmer: at least a half-dozen friends and neighbors had perished in the collapsing towers.

Clark immediately realigned responsibilities among his senior staff, deploying people for damage assessment and repair; establishing a temporary corporate office; communicating with tenants, investors, and employees; addressing issues essential to the turnaround of a suddenly transformed Lower Manhattan; and running day-to-day business affairs. It would be four days before Clark would see his family at home.

When Clark and the others were able to return to Lower Manhattan the next day, they found "significant damage" to Brookfield's properties. With the exception of the Winter Garden, however, none of it was structural. A third of the six hundred windows at One Lib-

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Books

Painted Warrior

By Marilyn Kukula

Dan Kerszencwejg sprinted across the field, dodging paintballs and firing his weapon-like marker at the opposing team's players before taking cover behind an inflated rubber bunker.

The twenty-five-year-old IUP senior has played in paintball tournaments since he was seventeen. It's a sport that has taken him to foreign countries, earned international acclaim for him and his teammates, and helped him pay for college.

Paintball itself is a few years younger than Kerszencwejg. The "ammunition" is neither paint nor balls but, rather, thin-skinned gelatin capsules that contain nontoxic, biodegradable, water-soluble liquid. The debris of battle rinses out of clothing or off skin with water and completely dissolves in just a few weeks outdoors.

Kerszencwejg was fourteen when a friend introduced him to paintball. He soon began devoting all his money and most of his free time to the sport. He approached the captain of the All Americans II, an amateur paintball team, and soon started practicing with the team.

The team members had such respect for his abilities that they asked him to join the team for the World Cup in Orlando, Fla., on only three days' notice. He drove south and helped the team take second in a field of some one hundred teams. At the World Cup the following year, he helped the team win first place for the ten-man amateur team title.

Kerszencwejg eventually asked the team's sponsor, Smart Parts of Latrobe, Pa., the nation's largest manufacturer of paintball products, for the chance to move up to the professional team. When someone dropped off the pro team, he substituted in Brazil and Venezuela tournaments, both of which the team won. From there, the team took a first and a second in England, won in Germany, took second in Montreal, took fourth in France, and won in Sweden.

"Since the team started in the mid-1980s, it has won fifty-six tournaments," according to Kerszencwejg, who has been featured in articles in international paintball magazines. "It's the winningest team in paintball."

It takes a lot of commitment to stay on top. Since January, the sponsor has been flying professional team members, including Kerszencwejg, to Florida for practices every two weeks. In recent years, the sport has evolved from camouflage-clad players in the woods to athletes in brightly colored, tight-fitting sportswear on inflatable-bunker fields.



"I love playing in the woods, even though I haven't done it for years," he said. "There was a lot more skill and strategy in the woods. Most longtime players prefer the game as it's played there."

The newer players tend to play Sup'Airball— *Continued on page 9*

Dan Kerszencwejg travels the world as a professional paintball player. / Photography by Barry Reeger



GRATEFUL REFLECTION

BY PRESIDENT LAWRENCE K. PETTIT

As I look back over the past eleven years and think about the remarkable accomplishments so many of us achieved together, I am able to close this chapter of my life with deep satisfaction and with confidence in the university's future. The hundreds of friends I have made among alumni and others make staying in Indiana inviting, and I eagerly welcome the next phase of my life.

During the last decade, bright students, dedicated faculty and staff members, alumni, friends, trustees, and others have united behind a vision of IUP's unique status within the System and the commonwealth; working together, they have transformed the university. We have matured as a doctoral institution, with strong programs and the development of a research culture. We bring in more than twice as much federal money as we did ten years ago. *U.S. News and World Report* now ranks us as a "national university." Our new Research Institute and the John P. Murtha Institute for Homeland Security symbolize our coming of age as a complex university.

We now have, thanks to my friend Bob Cook '64, an endowed honors college that has won national acclaim. Through its innovative core curriculum and the astounding achievements of its students, the Honors College has pulled IUP into the front rank at the undergraduate level and is responsible for our earning mention in *Princeton Review's Best 345 Colleges and Universities.*

Our students have won six Fulbright scholarships during the last decade. They regularly win statewide and national competitions in art, theatre, music, safety sciences, education, computer science, marketing, and many other fields. In two of the last three years, IUP doctoral students in English have won a "best dissertation" award in national competition.

We have been able to support our students with a 400-percent increase in scholarships, primarily because we have increased the endowment from $4 million in 1992 to $28 million today. We have expanded and beautified the campus, and we have managed to attract $57 million for construction of new buildings and renovation of existing ones.

Technologically, we have moved from a backward institution to one at the forefront.

What I reference above is the tip of the iceberg but enough to convey to you that there has been enormous momentum the past decade. It has been sustained against tremendous obstacles, and much of what we achieved would not have been possible without federal money or private gifts to the Foundation for IUP. Even before September 11, 2001, and before the enormous slump in the economy, state appropriations had waned. Now, the university has cut sixty-two faculty positions and $9 million from our base budget, and we are facing the certainty of cutting another $3-5 million next year.

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It is not just Pennsylvania. Throughout the country, a gradual shift from tax support to "user fees" in the form of higher tuition is "privatizing" public universities, and if we are to sustain quality, and especially if we are to improve steadily in order to hold our competitive position, we must chase ever-scarcer federal dollars and, more pointedly, rely on the generosity and support of our alumni and friends.

As I close the door on my tenure as president, one of my strongest desires is to encourage IUP alumni to recognize the value and impact of their charitable giving to this university. I urge you to give annually to support ongoing needs but also to make special contributions to capital campaigns to stretch your giving yet further. Just as we rank first in most respects in the System, we should, and can, rank

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erty Plaza were gone, and the damaged granite façade of the World Financial Center was dotted with hundreds of broken windows.

Bad as the damage was, it was better for Brookfield than some of the rumors. On the night of September 12, CNN reported that One Liberty Plaza was about to collapse. In reality, the building was sound. In fact, it was the first "red zone" building to reopen for business a mere five weeks later. With the exception of the Winter Garden, all the properties for which Brookfield had repair responsibility were reopened by year's end. Clark, in fact, was cited in a New York business periodical as "the only downtown landlord who managed to restore damaged buildings as quickly as he said he would."

Meanwhile, day in and day out, visible from Ric Clark's office window, an epic and tragic drama proceeded. The bodies of victims were found and removed, debris was identified and trucked to barges, and even eight weeks after the attacks, Clark said, "There was a big girder of steel that was still glowing red when it was removed from the ground."

The false report about the falling building convinced Clark that in restoring his company's buildings, "We had to be open, honest, and accessible to shareholders and media. We answered every question that was put to us." The shareholders responded positively. Although Brookfield's stock initially tumbled, it had the best total return of comparable stocks at the end of 2002. "We delivered almost a 20-percent total return last year," Clark said. "We've recovered very well."

What prepared Ric Clark for the unprecedented situation he and his company faced on September 12?

"One of the advantages of where I come from is that I've met a lot of people and have become a pretty good judge of character," he said. "In building an organization, I've tried to surround myself with smart, decent, hard-working people. In this situation, all rose to the occasion."

In Clark's case, "where I come from" is a moving target. Growing up, he never lived in one place for more than three years. From the Philadelphia area, he and his four siblings followed their father's career with Ralston Purina to and from St. Louis more than once, with stops along the way in State College and Salisbury, Md.

The family settled in Indiana, Pa., for Clark's eighth- and ninth-grade years, leaving for Delaware County when he was in tenth grade. At that same time, his father turned to a career in residential real estate.

Clark returned to Indiana as a Summer-January freshman in 1976. His brother, Spencer, followed him to IUP a year later. Ric Clark majored in Business Administration, lived in a house on Church Street for three years, graduated in 1980, and moved back to the Philadelphia area.

Clark worked for a time as an auditor with Penn Central Corporation and gained designation as a Certified Public Accountant. He was relocated to New York when the Philadelphia office shut down. "I wasn't exactly crazy about New York at first," he said. "But it grew on me." He lived in Manhattan for six years before moving to the suburbs.

In 1984, Clark became affiliated with Olympia & York, which built the World Financial Center. A succession of executive posts with Olympia & York and its successor, Brookfield Properties, led to the announcement less than a month before September 11 of his accession to the post of president and C.E.O. That change actually took place in February, 2002—two months earlier than originally scheduled.

On September 12, 2002, Clark welcomed President and Mrs. George W. Bush as they arrived to host a Winter Garden reception for scores of United Nations heads of state. A week earlier, Clark had joined New York Governor George Pataki and Mayor Michael Bloomberg in a ceremony opening the restored structure itself.

Originally built at a cost of $60 million, the Winter Garden had sustained $50 million in damage. But its rebuilding and reopening proved a symbol of hope for Lower Manhattan and a symbol, too, of all that has confronted Ric Clark and his colleagues.

Clark is optimistic that recently announced plans for improvements in mass transit and other infrastructure enhancements point Lower Manhattan toward a brighter future. How, then, does he look upon running an $8-billion publicly traded company in the face of a slumping economy and skittish corporate renters?

"Confidently," he says with a smile.



Ric Clark faces the future with confidence.

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Painted Warrior



Dan Kerszencwejg

paintball played on a field bedecked with inflatable, air-filled, rubber bunkers and obstacles. The newest version is X Ball, which features franchised, city-based teams. The All Americans team has become the Philadelphia All Americans for X Ball.

An X Ball match can be as short as twenty seconds. Players can be eliminated by a direct hit almost instantly.

"X Ball is geared more toward spectators," Kerszencwejg said. "It's a sport. It's more focused on technical skills. It's more like a chess game with people. With X Ball, it's so crazy and fast-paced now."

Kerszencwejg grew up in Maryland and spent a year in college there. He later worked in several restaurants and spent a few years with Smart Parts before graduating from the IUP Culinary Academy in Punxsutawney and enrolling at IUP, from which he will graduate in December. The fact that a culinary education and a university education were both accessible made IUP the place he wanted to be. Through it all, he played paintball.

He has maintained a high B average and is a member of Eta Sigma Delta, international hospitality management honor society for Hotel, Restaurant, and Institutional Management majors. After he graduates, professional paintball will probably give way to a career that draws on his education.

"It's kind of tough, thinking this is my last year,"he said. "But after so many years playing competitively, I'm looking forward to playing just for fun."

Endangered Exchange

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Ayebo said, "There is also a cultural dimension."

Kimberly Kollar '00 was the first (and thus far only) IUP student to travel to Zimbabwe as part of the program. From September to December, 1999, she studied at UZ, noting in her final report, "The main function of this exchange is to learn in a different culture, and that is done outside of the classroom as well."

Her experiences outside the classroom, often unexpected, were both positive and negative. She once left campus hastily to avoid being caught up in campus demonstrations against the government.

While she had to weather campus unrest, Kollar also got to hold a baby crocodile and came face to face with lions, cheetahs, and many other animals. She also made friends with Zimbabwean students and was invited to their homes, even being included in a wedding celebration. "I think that this experience is one of the biggest things I could have done for my education," she wrote.

All in all, Ayebo said, "The program has positively touched the lives of five students, and those five will positively touch others."

Through a Fulbright Alumni Initiatives Award obtained by Kesner and Linzey in 2000, a UZ/IUP Resource Room was established at UZ with ten computers. These were intended, an award report said, "to significantly enhance the quality of teaching and research in the Department of Biological Sciences."

The benefits to IUP extend to students and colleagues who may never see Africa. "Our experiences allow us to teach in a different way," Kesner said.

"There is never a class that I don't talk about southern Africa," Humphreys said. "I'd wanted to go to Africa since I was eight or nine. I was forty-five by the time I got there. You can't describe the feeling the first time you stand at Victoria Falls."

Grateful Reflection

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first in alumni giving. We are not there yet, but I know we will be.

Foundations and corporations want to know how well our alumni support us–they want to know that our alumni view us as worthy of financial support before they will invest in us. Whether right or wrong, it is also true that the various ranking organizations use "percentage of alumni who contribute" as a standard measure of a university's quality.

This university has evolved, and is evolving, to higher stages of academic maturity, and with each edition of the magazine you read of more impressive student and faculty achievements. Many of these would not happen without the support of private philanthropy, and the university itself, in today's political economy, will not be able to sustain its current momentum and competitive position without substantially more private giving.

Each year, my largest contribution is to IUP. I hope that more and more friends and alumni will regard IUP as their primary object of philanthropy. An investment in IUP is an investment in your own intellectual capital, and it is an investment in generations of worthy students who desperately need financial support in order to reach their potential through higher education, and in order better to serve their fellow human beings. The greatest welcome our alumni can give to the new president is to demonstrate that IUP can be a leader in alumni support and that the alumni intend to be strong partners in sustaining the university's momentum and taking IUP to the next level of excellence.

I have so many of you to thank for the tremendous friendship and support over these eleven years and for all that you do for IUP, not just in your financial gifts, but through countless hours of volunteer activity, through the stellar achievements that reflect favorably on your alma mater, and for that intangible quality of humanity that I have grown to recognize in our current students and in generations of alumni—something that is warm and real, that is unselfish and unspoiled, that reflects the best combination of an egalitarian spirit and aristocratic will. IUP will always be a unique institution. Please keep it strong.

The Name Game

By Bruce Dries



Ten years ago, when Linda, Leslie, and Olivia were photographed for *IUP Magazine's* compilation of baby names, their names weren't among the most popular. They still aren't. When the 1993 photo was taken, the girls' families lived in different school districts. Today, all three attend the same school, and Linda and Olivia share the same homeroom teacher. They have been taught by a number of IUP alumni.

Names given to newborns tend to reflect the current times and culture. Ten years ago, *IUP Magazine* reported on the most popular names alumni gave to their children through the previous decade. Since then, the pattern of naming children has continued to subtly shift.

American names tend to go through a twenty-five- to thirty-year cycle. Certain names boom in particular decades then taper off, like Roy in the 1900s and Jennifer in the 1980s. Girls' names are often trendy and tend to cycle more quickly than boys' names, which are usually more traditional. Male names may stay in circulation longer, because boys are often named after their fathers, while girls' names are often invented or drawn from popular culture. The American Name Society notes that the current pool of girls' names is two to three times larger than boys'. This is reflected in the past decade's choices by IUP alumni. While baby boys outnumbered baby girls by nearly one hundred fifty, the variety of girls' names outpaced boys by over one hundred.

Television has a strong impact on children's names. Writers name characters with new, dramatic monikers which are quickly assimilated by the audience. As a result, characters named Rachel and Nicholas may be in their twenties on TV and two months old in real life. Other names drop out of favor for varying reasons. Earl and Elmer used to be popular, but they lost standing probably because they were stereotyped as rural names. (Elmer Fudd certainly didn't help.)

Besides popular culture, religious texts and politics strongly influence naming choices. The ranking for Hillary (with one "l" or two) plummeted after climbing for a decade and peaking in 1992. The names Ronald and Nancy declined during President Reagan's tenure. In the mid-1800s, George was such a popular name that it was shared by half of Congress.

The sources from which names are drawn continue to expand. Some parents may literally use maps to help them choose, resulting in names such as Ireland, India, and Paris. First names have evolved from last names, like Tyler, Brandon, and Cody. Former nicknames can now be found as official first names: Jackie, Jimmy, Johnny, and Pat.

Some masculine names from the past are now owned by females, such as Taylor, Ashley, Lynn, and Marion. It appears that once a male name becomes feminized, boys don't want it back.

One of the more unusual names chosen for an alumni child was Sadonia. "We always liked older, classic names," said her mother, Nancy Knox Critz '87, M'01. "We could hardly imagine some day in the future her being introduced, 'Hi, this is my Grandmother Kylee.'" Nancy and her husband, Mark '87, chose 'Sadonia' from Nancy's Austrian great-grandmother. They usually call her Sadie for short, just as her ancestor was called.

In 1992, the most common names given by IUP alumni in the preceding decade (including spelling variations) included Megan, Emily, Amanda, Matthew, Michael, and Andrew. Looking through back issues of *IUP Magazine* reveals how alumni naming trends have changed, or not, in the ten years since that article. From 1993 through 2002, alumni have most often named their daughters Emily (Emilee). Virtually tied for second place are Megan (Meagan, Meaghan, Meghan) and Rachel. Sons were most often called Nicholas (Nicolas, Nikolas), followed by Matthew (Matt) and John (Jonathan, Jon, Jack).

Keith Boyer

Opportunities

The offices of Career Services and Alumni Affairs, in partnership with the College Central Network, invite alumni to join the IUP Mentoring Network. Launched in January, the network provides an on-line system for students and alumni to find people who can help with decisions about career fields, internships, job hunting, relocating, or other professional concerns.

Those interested in becoming part of the IUP Mentoring Network may register at *www.iup.edu/career* and click on the College Central Network logo. On this page, they should choose the Student/Alumni icon and then select the "Mentoring Network" link. (Those who would also like to use CCN to search for job opportunities should select the "Alumni" link.) Choose "Join our Mentoring Network." When logging in, the password will be "oakgrove." Upon completion of a profile, a staff member at Career Services will review and approve it.

Questions about the Mentoring Network should be directed to the Office of Career Services at 724-357-2235 or at *career-services@iup.edu.*

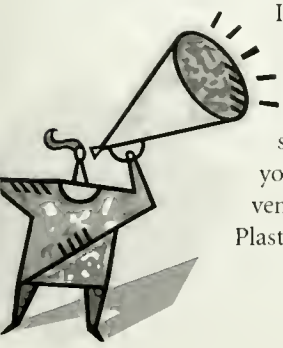
Privacy protection is achieved this way: when a student or alumnus searches the database and finds a mentor's profile, contact information will not be available to the searcher. He or she will be able to e-mail the prospective mentor, but that person's e-mail address will not appear until the prospective mentor responds to the request for information.

What They Said

***The Morning Call* (Allentown, Pa.):** "Indiana University of Pennsylvania held forums [March 20] on Iraq and Islam, and stationed counselors and televisions around campus for easy student access." ("College Campuses Turn to Talks, Vigils," March 21, 2003)

New York Daily News: "'What my students call cooking, I call reheating,' says Miriam Chaiken, a professor of anthropology at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. "They think heating up a frozen pizza is cooking.'" ("Call the Kids the Reheated Generation," February 19, 2003)

Reading Eagle: [Responding to an advisory by the Office of Homeland Security that urged acquisition of duct tape and plastic sheets] "Dr. Edward E. Platt, political science professor emeritus at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, said the items would provide little protection against a biological or chemical attack. 'It may provide some psychological comfort,' Platt said. 'If you cover your doors and windows, you are still going to need some way to ventilate your house.'" ("Experts Warn Tape, Plastic, No Protection," February 14, 2003)



Distinguished *Alumni* Awards



Eight alumni were honored with 2003 Distinguished Alumni Awards at a March gala sponsored by the IUP Alumni Association. Two of the awards were presented posthumously. Detailed biographies of the winners are available on the *IUP Magazine* website.



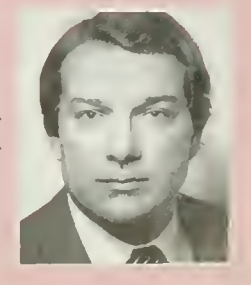
Reviewer/Researcher: Sally Ann Amero '74 is referral officer for the National Institute of Health's Center for Scientific Review and scientific review administrator for the center's Genome Study Section. These roles reflect her pivotal position in the awarding of government research dollars and in the advancement of critical research. The recipient of a Ph.D. from West Virginia University, she has conducted research at a number of universities, has played a leading part in a number of conferences, review panels, and committees, has mentored more than a score of graduate students, and has published widely. Among her competitive research awards are those from the March of Dimes Birth Foundation, the Potts Foundation, and the American Cancer Society. More about her can be found on the *IUP Magazine* website.



Real Estate Leader: Ric Clark '80 is president and chief executive officer of Brookfield Properties Corporation, a leading North American commercial real estate company. Selected for the *Crain's New York Business* All-Star Award for determined leadership in New York's recovery from the events of September 11, 2001, he was also recognized by the Jeffrey Modell Foundation as 2001 Man of the Year for helping to raise almost $1 million for research and advocacy related to inherited immunodeficiency disease. He serves as a director of Brookfield Properties Corporation, Brookfield Financial Properties, the Mental Health Association of New York City, Inc., Lincoln Center Real Estate and Construction Council, and Primus Real Estate Funds. More about him can be found on the *IUP Magazine* website and in this issue's cover story.



Bandmaster: Daniel Di Cicco '54 was recognized with a Distinguished Alumni Award for Service. From 1956 to 1989, he was a professor of music and director of bands at what during his tenure became Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He played a pivotal role in the lives of many of his students, not a few of whom went on to become band directors and to themselves achieve prominence in music and entertainment circles. During his long career and in his retirement, he has been active in a number of professional and community organizations. He received both a master's degree and a doctorate from the University of Michigan. More about him and his family, including three alumnae daughters, appears on the *IUP Magazine* website.



Citizen of the World: David Fredericks '72 was recognized posthumously. At the time of his death last year, he was managing director of the private Wall Street merchant banking firm of Fredericks Michael and Company. A member of the Eberly College of Business and Information Technology Advisory Council, he established two different scholarships for the college's stu-

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Heroism on the Mountain

As I am just coming to grips with what happened on the morning of April 5, 2003, I now realize the magnitude of bravery and valor I witnessed that morning from IUP's women's rugby team.

While traveling eastbound on I-76 just beyond Breezewood, I witnessed and responded to the most horrific and devastating motor accident anyone could ever imagine. This accident, due to extreme fog, caused a multi-car chain reaction; as the fog subsided, the scene was of burning and thrown vehicles as far as the eye could see.

Emerging from the fog came a group of girls that reacted to the horror with the bravery and steadfastness that would mirror that of any of America's finest. These girls, without regard to their own personal safety pulled individuals to safety, provided emergency basic first aid, comforted the wounded, and literally carried the wounded and injured to the multiple ambulances once the EMTs finally arrived.

These girls, no *ladies*, of the rugby team should be commended to the highest degree, and their actions should never be forgotten.

With this said, I would like to formally start a community/alumni effort that will help with the expenses associated with conducting this team sport that has no university funding. Enclosed is a donation of $100 that shows the appreciation of the courage and bravery displayed that morning.

Ellis R. McGruder III '94
Lansdowne, Pa.

Coming into Focus

On November 16, 2002, I sent you a list of conditions in the Fall, 2002, issue of *IUP Magazine* which made difficulties for ageing eyes to read.

In December, 2002, you replied, saying you were passing the letter on to the designer in Pittsburgh. He was to be starting work on the Winter-Spring issue.

Thank you for your help improving the Winter-Spring issue. It had many improvements—especially little if any writing (printing, that is) on top of pictures or colored backgrounds. It was much easier to read than the Fall, 2002, issue was. *But* there is still room for legibility in the size-of-print "department." *Larger* print (black print on white background) would be wonderful!

Mary Jane Dunn Boering '52
Ellwood City, Pa.

Message of the Checkbook

As a recent graduate of IUP, I often wonder what's happening on and off campus, especially now that the weather is warm. I remember looking forward to spring, when you could count on that first sixty-degree day and, of course, going to class was an afterthought, so I could always count on a competitive game of stickball outside the TKE house with my fraternity brothers.

My dad and I often exchange IUP stories from the days when he lived at 222 Rice Avenue—also known as the Three Deuces—and from the great times I had at 712 School Street with Inesso, Serf, Dapra, Ian, and the crew from Erie. "Yo Boss"!!

Now that I'm an alumnus, I often wonder what I can do to help pay back for the great friends, the good times, and the education. I don't live close enough to the university to visit regularly, and I'm certainly not sitting on a good deal of disposable income to donate enough to make a difference overnight.

However, after some research I found that surprisingly it's not so much the *amount* of money contributed by one alumnus—it's the *number* of alumni that contribute that has a larger impact. For instance, alumni participation improves the school's ability to secure grants from national foundations and corporations. Alumni participation demonstrates the success of the school's alumni, their pride, and the investment in the future of the school and future generations to come.

I came to realize that alumni giving is the key to the future to the university; consequently, no contribution is too small or will ever go unnoticed.

Bob Trautwine '98
Hoboken, N.J.

From a Long-time Reader

Thank you so much for sending me your lovely magazine. I enjoy it more every year.

I graduated in 1936, and my husband Paul was a good student of yours. He was in the teaching field for many years. He was a member of Phi Sig fraternity and was a cheerleader. I took the Kindergarten/Primary course.

I have two lovely daughters, Diane and Susan. I am now living in Ohio, and I hope to visit the school someday soon.

Thank you again for your very much appreciated magazine. I appreciate it very much.

Frances LeFevre Seaton '36
Euclid, Ohio

It Was Our Name First

I am writing in response to the letter from Todd Pollock '95 in the Winter-Spring, 2003, issue of *IUP Magazine*. I, too, am an alumna who lives out of state and have had encounters with people who wonder about the origin of the name Indiana University of Pennsylvania. If anyone confuses our alma mater with the state of Indiana, I explain that there is no connection. I also clarify that Indiana County was founded in 1803, the city of Indiana in 1805, and the state of Indiana, not until 1816. Indiana, Pennsylvania, officially existed before the state, so I point out that they must have copied us.

I can't imagine renaming our school. If anything, I think it is an interesting conversation topic. Changing the name won't guarantee the absence of confusion when you mention your alma mater. Often, when I tell people that I went to Rutgers University for graduate school, many people have to ask where it is and are quite surprised to discover that it is in New Jersey. No school exists without confusion. Many foreign people I met often confuse Pennsylvania State University and the University of Pennsylvania. Be proud of our name. Changing it would just add to the confusion and require further explanations.

Barbara McKernan Veith, '94
Knoxville, Tenn.

What's That, You Say?

I must say I felt relieved after reading in *IUP Magazine* that I am not the only one who has to go through the embarrassment of explaining what IUP stands for each time someone asks where I went to college. Let me also say I am proud of my alma mater; it's the name that gets me.

It always works like this: *Where did you go to college?* IUP!

What's that? Indiana University [interruption]

Oh! Indiana University!

No. Let me finish. Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

Oh.

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Mentors

Mentors is a feature that highlights and reports on IUP faculty members, past and present. News of alumni who are also faculty members will continue to appear in Class Notes as well.

A tête-à-tête between two IUP music teachers at Starbucks resulted in their winning the grand prize in the coffeehouse chain's 2003 Valentine's Day contest. A cashier in the Ann Arbor, Mich., store saw **John Kuehn** hand a freshly cleaned diamond ring to his wife, **Jacquelyn Kuehn.** When she asked if they were getting engaged, she was told it was their twenty-eighth wedding anniversary. Jacquelyn submitted the story to Starbucks and within a week learned she and her husband won a trip to Vienna, Austria, the "coffee capital of the world."

Two study rooms on the second floor of Stapleton Library were dedicated in honor and memory of **Renee Liscinsky**. She was chairperson of the French and German department from 1969 until her death in 2001 during a summer studies tour in France. Promoted to full professor in 1985, she co-wrote a first-year French textbook and was honored in 1996 with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences Faculty Service award. The Renee Nicolet Liscinsky Memorial Library Fund has been created to support the addition of resources relating to French culture, and a scholarship fund for currently enrolled students has been set up in her name.

Thanks to several generous donations to IUP, biology professor **Anthony Nastase '68** may be rewriting the common belief that most birds mate for life. "It's been previously thought that birds were 90 percent monogamous," said Nastase. "Quite simply, our research is suggesting that is not true." Richard Wurzbach, a friend of a former IUP student, donated nineteen rheas to the university. The ostrich-like birds are kept on Nastase's twenty-five-acre farm while he and his students study their behavior. One of Nastase's findings is that females may breed with several males, producing one egg for each time they mate. He intends for the research to continue long-term and result in a full behavioral repertoire of the species, including DNA samples.



Advocate for the Fans

From concert reviewer for the *Penn* to tour accountant for some of the world's greatest musical acts to creator of ticketing software that is becoming the industry standard, David Cooper '82 has devoted his career to turning customers into fans. Founder, chief technology officer, and director of Vertical Alliance, Cooper has a job that is far more than tour business management, budgets, and settlements of large rock shows. "I've always worked for the artists, but I've also tried to keep the artist understanding who the boss is, and that's the fans," he said. To read the full article about David Cooper's career, please visit *IUP Magazine* on line at *www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag/.*

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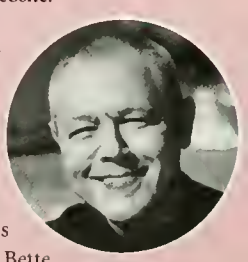
dents, lectured frequently in the college's classrooms, and came to campus as entrepreneur in residence. He was a board member of numerous companies and was listed in several *Who's Who* publications. An executive who loved to share what he'd learned and who particularly valued language ability and cultural sensitivity, he was an adjunct professor at Pace University and Dowling College and also worked with students at Hofstra University. More about him can be found on the *IUP Magazine* website.



Long-time Loyalty: Anthony Lenzi '54 was recognized posthumously with a Distinguished Alumni Award for Service. Near the end of a twenty-five-year Army career, he led IUP's ROTC program, which became during that time the nation's third largest. He later was director of Management and Administration for the Pennsylvania Department of Commerce in Harrisburg, helping with a number of projects beneficial to the university and also serving as president of the local IUP alumni chapter. Named in 1983 as executive director of the Foundation for IUP and assistant vice-president of Institutional Advancement, he oversaw the university's first capital campaign. In 1993, he retired from IUP but served from 1994 to 1999 as executive director of the Jimmy Stewart Museum. More information is on the *IUP Magazine* website.



International Operator: Raymond Parker '72 is responsible for all Pitney Bowes operations in ten European countries with over $150 million in revenues and two thousand employees. Based in London, he has been president of Pitney Bowes Management Services, International Operations, since 2001. He earned a master's degree in History (with a Modern European focus) from Duquesne University in 1974 and then joined Eastman Kodak Company, working all over the world. In the early nineties, he became vice president, New Business and Technology, for Qualex, Inc., and in 1995 joined Danka Services International, eventually becoming vice president, Sales and Operations, for North America. More about him can be found on the *IUP Magazine* website.



Heard Far and Wide: Artist, composer, and teacher James Self '65 has spent thirty years performing on the tuba in more than a thousand motion pictures for all the major Hollywood studios. His solos can be heard, for example, in John Williams's scores for *Jurassic Park* and in Marc Shaiman's *Sleepless in Seattle.* He has recorded with such greats as Mel Torme, Maynard Ferguson, Randy Newman, Bette Midler, Barbra Streisand, and Frank Sinatra and holds principal performer positions with a variety of West Coast symphony orchestras. The recipient of numerous awards, he has a master's degree from Catholic University of America and a doctorate from the University of Southern California. More about him can be found on the *IUP Magazine* website.



Prominent in Nursing Research: JoAnne Dechert Youngblut '77 is a professor and coordinator of Research at Florida International University's School of Nursing. She earned both a master's degree in Parent-Child Nursing and a Ph.D. in Clinical Nursing Research from the University of Michigan. From 1989 to 2001, she was a professor of Nursing and associate dean for Research at Case Western Reserve University and was director of the Hirsh Institute for Best Nursing Practices Based on Evidence. A board member at Miami Children's Hospital, she was also recently elected to the governing board of the Southern Nursing Research Society and serves as an ad hoc grant reviewer for the National Institutes of Health. More about her can be found on the *IUP Magazine* website.

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IUP in my book definitely needs a new name. Recently in my home area, Lehigh Valley, Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales, located in Center Valley (a town near Allentown), changed its name for similar reasons to DeSales University. I wish IUP would consider a similar move. I do understand there is a tremendous cost associated with this: letterhead, signs, maps, clothing, uniforms, etc., but I think it should be considered in future planning.

Angie Daubert Gutekunst '95
Bethlehem, Pa.

Meeting Perplexity Head On

I graduated from IUP in 1993 and have spent the last eight years as a resident of the state of Indiana. Coincidental, don't you think? Is there a possible worse place to end up living after graduating from IUP?

I have to say, however, that I enjoy answering the question "*Where did you go to college?*" I enjoy answering the question with IUP, and watching the perplexed look drift across their faces. This is *always* followed up with the statement "*I didn't know they had a branch out there...*" I then enjoy bursting their geocentric view. I tell them that "they" don't. It is a state school in Pennsylvania in no way associated with *the IU.* This is naturally followed with "*Then why did they call it that?*" I reply that it is named after the city and county of its origin. Then I usually add that this isn't the only place on earth named "Indiana." In fact, why did the state of Indiana steal its name from us? Pennsylvania was populated long before the land that became known as Indiana.

The point of this is that I don't care that there is some confusion by some people. Do people confuse Penn State and Penn? If so, it is their problem. Most people I meet here, including a huge amount of IU alumni, reply with an "*Oh, that is interesting,*" or "*Yeah, I've heard of it.*" Do we make every person named Bob change his name because someone was already named Bob before them? I think not.

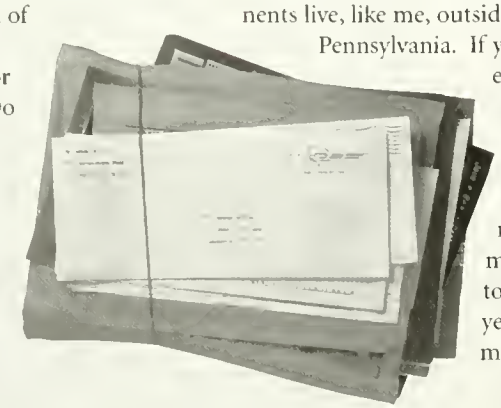
I take great, ever-growing, pride in my alma mater. Because of that, I don't mind setting all these Hoosiers straight. Somebody needs to smarten them up, right? I find going through the explanation to be not only somewhat a rite of passage but also a conversation piece and a bit of "higher ground" during job interviews. If I were ashamed of my IUP heritage, I might shrink when people get confused; then again, if I were ashamed, I would shrink—regardless of the name on the diploma.

Joe Dimpfl '93
Indianapolis, Ind.
(but never a Hoosier!)

Nomination of a New Name

Initially skeptical of the need to change the name of the university, I must confess that I am a convert. Recent opposition at California University of Pennsylvania (CUP) has helped changed my opinion. Like many CUP alumni, I was appalled at the notion of naming a university after a living person (even one who has also been a generous benefactor to IUP). In response to the university president's announcement, one alum questioned that if changing a school's name were such a good idea, why hadn't IUP done it? IUP, he reasoned, is usually three to four years ahead of the other state schools.

He is correct. IUP is usually three to four years ahead, and the upcoming change in administration at IUP would be the perfect time to change the school's name. However, most of the options raised to date could confuse people into thinking we are a branch campus of either Pennsylvania State University or the University of Pennsylvania. Furthermore, the name Western Pennsylvania State would not endear us to the other state schools in Western Pennsylvania. It is more than coincidence that the majority of name change proponents live, like me, outside Western Pennsylvania. If you've never had to explain the name, you may not truly understand the issue at hand. With IUPUI's making the NCAA men's basketball tournament this year, the issue is even more clouded.



I agree with previous submissions to the editor of this fine magazine that the university should take someone's name. Sutton University does not work, due unfortunately to an on-line "school" of the same name. The name that I am proposing is Stapleton University after the late Pennsylvania Senator Patrick Stapleton '49. As documented in the Summer, 2001, issue of *IUP Magazine,* President Lawrence K. Pettit had fond words for Senator Stapleton when he presented the President's Medal of Distinction to him in the spring of 2000: "Few figures in the history of the university can equal the impact of Pat Stapleton." Any choice needs to have political support, and due to Senator Stapleton's service to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and to the System, this honor would seem an easy decision for the State System of Higher Education.

Which brings me to one final point. As the earliest university (and arguably the most selective) in the System, IUP needs to have a president that is the highest-paid university president in the State System. With the largest student body (and budget), there is no reason why President Pettit ranked near the middle of the pack in salary.

It's time to show our friends at the other state universities that we are still ahead of the curve.

Mark Stewart '91
Gaithersburg, Md.

Reynolds Remembered

I recently sought information from Dean Michael Hood of IUP's College of Fine Arts, about a former professor, Ralph Reynolds. On the advice of an upperclassman, a friend and I, as freshmen, arranged to take what was to be the last semester of watercolor that he would teach. I was told that although he was very strict, I *would* learn watercolor and I should not miss the opportunity. The class was the opposite of an easy A; "Ralphie" became our most-feared professor. It was near-suicidal to skip his class, and many late nights were spent struggling with assignments in the frustrating attempt to master the elusive media.

By today's standards, Professor Reynolds's exacting methods and discipline are considered stifling and old-fashioned. Although I never pursued art as a career, I dabbled with watercolor as a hobby over the years. Recently, when yet another friend and I took a watercolor class, the teacher asked about how I decided to put a composition together. I thought to myself, and then I told her my favorite Ralphie-ism: "Size, shape, direction,

texture, hue, value, and intensity!" After thirty years, it was still there.

Diane Stodart Yarger
IUP student, 1970-71
Sinking Spring, Pa.

One Less "Lost" Alumna

Lois Baeke Anderson and I held an early fortieth class reunion this past January in Daytona Beach, Fla. Lois was No. 1 on the 1963 lost alumni search list and was "turned in" by me, her former college roommate. Our reunion was at Lois's house in Daytona, when I was vacationing from Ohio. "I was never lost," Lois told me. "My husband and I love Florida—been here since shortly after graduation."

I was named 2002 Fraternalist of the Year of Polish National Alliance District 9, which is Ohio, West Virginia, and Florida. I myself am considering moving to Florida's sunshine. Especially after three months of ten-degree Fahrenheit weather in Ohio, picking your own oranges off trees in reasonable weather is very tempting.

Mary Ann Walters Sekowski '63
Tallmadge, Ohio

Shorts

Best Women in Business

Recipients of the 2003 Pennsylvania's 50 Best Women in Business Award are recognized for significant contributions as business leaders and owners. Sponsored by the *Business Journals* of Pennsylvania and First Union, this year's list included two IUP alumnae: Rebecca Abbas Sohn '72, senior vice president and general manager of Lee Hecht Harrison, Pittsburgh, and Leah Davis '77, owner of Vintage Art Glass in Huntingdon.

Coming Soon to a TV Near You

IUP's Education of Persons with Hearing Loss Program was chosen from sixty-nine nationwide programs to be included in the *PT3 NOW!* television series, shown on PBS. Tentatively scheduled for airing in October, part of the as-yet-unnamed documentary was filmed on the IUP campus in April. Students in sign language classes were filmed learning about and using educational technology such as the SMART Board—an interactive whiteboard that some schools use for hearing-impaired students. The producers originally took note of the IUP program through participation in a grant by Diane Klein, associate professor and assistant chairperson in the IUP Special Education Department and coordinator of the Education of Persons with Hearing Loss Program.

IUP ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

Saturday, September 27, 2003

Reception—Noon Luncheon—1:00 p.m. Rustic Lodge

Hall of Fame Football Game vs. Millersville, 7 p.m.

2003 Inductees

Dave Balmert '73, standout defensive back, owns school record for career interceptions

Tom Campisano '66, M'74, coached rifle teams to 200-47 record, several league titles

Cindy Davies '85, high-scoring basketball center, 1985 PSAC West Player of the Year

Jim DeMark '70, starter on basketball teams that went 61-12, ranks fourth in career assists

John Elliott '73, NAIA national javelin champion, four-time NAIA, NCAA All-American

Kim Berghoff Furst '93, record-breaking swimmer, 13-time NCAA All-American

Rich Ingold '86, record-setting quarterback, 1985 PSAC West Player of the Year

Gene Lepley M'60 (in memory), coached IUP swimmers after reviving dormant program

Charles Margiotti '12 (in memory), football guard, served as Pennsylvania attorney general

Ed Paradis '73, standout football center, earned AP Little All-America honors as senior

2003 Honorary Award Recipient

John McCombie '72, Indiana sculptor whose works include *Spirit of the Warrior*

Please mail this form, with check, by August 27, 2003, to: Mary Kay Becker, IUP Sports Information Department, Memorial Field House, Room 107, 660 South Eleventh Street, Indiana, PA 15705.
Phone 724-357-2747.

Even if you cannot come to IUP for this eighth annual celebration, you have the opportunity to become a contributing member of the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame. As our thank-you for your tax-deductible contribution of $50 per person, your name will be printed in the 2003 induction program.

- ❑ Yes. I/we will come to the induction luncheon. Enclosed is a check in the amount of $_____ (@ $40 per person, not tax-deductible). (Please attach a list of individuals planning to attend with you.) Tables will be reserved for groups of eight persons attending together.
- ❑ Yes. I wish to become a contributing member of the IUP Athletic Hall of Fame. Enclosed is a check in the amount of $50 per individual membership (added to or instead of my check for luncheon ticket/s).

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Checks are to be made payable to Foundation for IUP.

IUP Classnotes

Designation of Codes
- AA Associate of Arts Degree
- CA Academy of Culinary Arts
- D Doctoral Degree
- M Master's Degree

1930s

This past March saw the sixtieth wedding anniversary of Stephen Glass '39 and Catherine "Kit" Lentz Glass '42. Their granddaughter-in-law, Kennedy Center and Broadway veteran Christy Anderson Glass, sang at their celebration. The couple, who met at a dance in John Sutton Hall in 1939, now resides in Tustin, Calif.

1950s

Marlene Inman Scavo '59 was recognized for her outstanding contribution to her profession and career at the 2002 Phi Mu national convention.

1960s

Nancy Rider Moore '60, a r egistered nurse for Mercy Medical Home Health, lives in Fairhope, Ala., with her husband, James. Her father, retired IUP English professor Maurice Rider, passed away in 1997, and her mother, Dorothy Rider, whose career included being a substitute teacher at Indiana State Teachers College, died this past March.

Rick Wise '65, a retired captain for American Airlines and TWA, lives with his family in St. Louis.

Army Capt. Tristan Aitken, son of Ruth Willson Aitken '66, was killed in an ambush near the Baghdad International Airport. Captain Aitken, in charge of 217 soldiers, was riding in the lead vehicle in an artillery supply convoy when the attack occurred. He lived in Georgia with his wife, Margo. Ruth lives in State College with her husband, Ron, who is retired from the Naval Reserves. Their daughter, Terryl, will graduate from the Illinois College of Optometry next month and will work as an intern at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Mike Petersen '68, M'87 is assistant managing editor of the *Indiana Gazette*. He and his wife, Pat, a former IUP employee, are the parents of a son and a daughter, both IUP graduates.

William Hiller '69, M'72, executive director of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as one of ten people nationwide selected for the advisory board of the National Institute for Literacy.

1970s

IUP Distinguished Alumni Award recipient Daniel Griffith '70, M'72 received a Leverhulme Visiting Professorship to the University of Cambridge for the Spring, 2004, semester.

Susan Thompson '71 is head of school for the Atlanta Girls School.

Mary Wilhite Bertsch '72, a science teacher in the Trinity Area School District, received a Carnegie Science Center Award for Excellence. She lives in Monroeville, Pa.

Ralph Barone '73, manager of the Cleveland branch of AT Systems, lives in North Royalton, Ohio.

Amy Dianne Himes '73, M'79, a subject area leader at Ben Hill Middle School in Tampa, received the Florida Reading Association's Secondary Teacher of the Year Award.

Conshohocken, Pa., resident Michael Martin '73 recently coauthored the revised edition of *Jump Right In: The Instrumental Series—For Strings* (see *Bookends* section in this issue). He is the author of the Parents Guide for the same series and is currently serving a three-year term as president of the Gordon Institute for Music Learning. His wife, Sandra Vetter Martin '74, is director of "Young-In-Arts," a preschool for music and art development.

Patricia Brungard Namet '73 is a registered nurse with Geisinger Health Plan and lives in Selinsgrove, Pa.

Linda Korns Troll '73, M'78, an elementary library teacher for the North Star School District, lives in Somerset, Pa., and is included in the 2004 edition of *Who's Who in Executives and Professionals*.

After working ten years in the Slovak Republic, Elizabeth Yenchko '73 was named mission director for Region 8 of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Gettysburg. She lives in Lemoyne, Pa., with her husband, Juraj Kittler, a Slovak foreign affairs journalist.

Helen Burns '74, deputy secretary for health planning and assessment at the Pennsylvania Department of Health in Harrisburg, received the Distinguished Alumni Award from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing.

Keith Scheidemantle '74, owner of Scheidemantle Corporation, president of the Green Building Alliance, and member of the board of Builder's Association of

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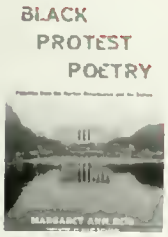


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Whistleblower

Glenn Walp '79, left, testified before a Congressional subcommittee in February about allegations of official fraud, theft, and abuse and potential compromises to national security at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. Walp had been hired to investigate the situation at the laboratory in January, 2002. When he and Steven Doran, center, sought to bring a variety of misdeeds to light, they were fired in November. (Both have since been hired as consultants by the University of California, which manages the lab under a contract with the U.S. Department of Energy.) Los Alamos contract employee Jaret McDonald, right, took information about computer thefts to the FBI after lab officials failed to act. Subsequent to the trio's Capitol Hill appearance, fifteen high-level administrators at Los Alamos were fired or reassigned. Walp is former commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police.

BOOKENDS & EXHIBITIONS



The Poetry of Protest

While the black poets of the Harlem Renaissance relied heavily on irony and paradox, their counterparts in the sixties adopted a more radical approach. Their strategies differed, yet the theme of protest remained constant. *Black Protest Poetry*, by Margaret Reid D'80, is a study of the rhetorical strategies of the two periods with commentaries and comparisons. The book is released through Peter Lang Publishing.

I'm Sorry

When absolute wrongs are not acknowledged as such, people can go through their lives confused about the concepts of right, wrong, good, and bad. A guide for anyone who touches the life of another human being, *I'm Sorry: Repairing a Hurtful Relationship*, by Jay Krunszyinsky M'95, describes a system of virtues and atonement to help children, adolescents, and adults explore the truth surrounding healthy and unhealthy relationships. The book is available from Word Association Publishers.

Nothing in Common

The new novel from Megan Hart '93, *Nothing in Common*, is a contemporary romance. Published by Wings e-Press, the book is available in paperback and over the Internet as an electronic download at *www.wings-press.com*.

Revolutionary Camping

The traditional belief is that the Continental Army's Valley Forge camp was in a desolate wilderness, far removed from civilized society. *The Valley Forge Winter*, by IUP History professor Wayne Bodle, presents a different picture of events from both inside and outside the camp boundaries and places the war back into its social context by illustrating what happens when two armies descend on a divided community. The book is published through Penn State University Press.

Sound Before Sight

The newest book in this music teaching series combines the latest research in music learning with the belief that a musical instrument is an extension of the human mind and body. Michael Martin '73 coauthored the revised edition of *Jump Right In: The Instrumental Series—For Strings*, following the principle that players become more musical if they know what sounds to expect before they play them. Including student take-home CDs, a teacher's guide, and a video of teaching procedures, the *Jump Right In* series is available from GIA Publications.



Living by Faith

Courageous Women: A Study on the Heroines of Biblical History is the new book by Stacy Cairns Mitch '94. The latest in Mitch's *Courageous* series of Bible stories for women, *Courageous Women* uses interactive tools such as reflection questions, memory verses, and a leader's guide to open up the lives of Old and New Testament women who faced the challenge of living by faith. The book is published by Emmaus Road Publishing.

New Author

The first book by Sara Gallo Ruffini '83, *First Daughters' Jewels*, is the story of the dramatic changes in a teenage girl's life in the fictitious town of Rock Point, Pa. The book is available at Publish America's online book store in the Young Adult category at *www.publishamerica.com*.

Now Available...

English professor James Cahalan's book, *Edward Abbey: A Life* (reviewed in the Winter-Spring, 2002, issue of *IUP Magazine*), is now available in paperback from the University of Arizona Press.

BOOKS BY FACULTY MEMBERS

Health Communications released the revised edition of Robert Ackerman's *Perfect Daughters*.

John Baker wrote *The STAEDT Program*, released though John Wiley and Sons, Inc.

Instructor's Manual for Amy Brown's Understanding Foods: Principles and Preparation by Mia Moore Barker was published by Wadsworth Thomson Learning.

Alan Baumler's *Modern China and Opium: A Reader* was published by the University of Michigan Press.

Lynn Botelho authored *Power and Poverty: Old Age in the Pre-Industrial Past*, released through Greenwood Press.

Peter Broad's *El ojo en la sombra* was published by Universidad Veracruzana.

John Butzow coauthored *The World of Work Through Children's Literature: An Integrated Approach*, published by Libraries Unlimited.

Mary Ann Flango Cessna '67, M'71 authored *Student Learning: A Central Focus for Institutions of Higher Education*, released through Alverno College Institute.

Krieger Publishing released the second edition of Gary Dean's *Designing Instruction for Adult Learners*.

David Downing and Claude Mark Hurlbert coauthored *Beyond English, Inc.: Curricular Reform in a Global Economy*, published by Heinemann.

Kevin Eisensmith '78 authored *Joseph Riepel's "Concerto in D a Clarino Principale,"* released through Eighth Note Publications.

Writing for Publication: A Practical Guide for Educators by Mary Renck Jalongo was released through Christopher-Gordon Publishers.

Christopher Janicak wrote *Safety Metrics: Tools and Techniques for Measuring Safety Performance*, published by Government Institutes.

Timothy Kelly wrote *Instructor's Manual for Business Data Communications and Networking*, published by John Wiley and Sons.

Diane Helfer Klein coauthored *Spoken Communication for Students Who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing—A Multidisciplinary Approach*, released through Butte Publications.

The Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency released *Safety Net: Staying Safe while Using the Internet: A Curriculum for Middle School Students*, written by Mary Ann Rafoth and coauthored by IUP students Jill Cieslinski, Erin Buchenauer, and Kathy Crissman.

Shari Robertson wrote *Read With Me! Stress-Free Strategies for Building Language and Literacy*, released through Thinking Publications.

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IUP Classnotes

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Metropolitan Pittsburgh, lives in Wexford, Pa., with his wife, Sharon, and son, Dillon.

Pittsburgh residents LARRY WALKER '74 and his wife, Ann, celebrated their second business anniversary by having their restaurant, Charley's Steakery, located in Robinson Town Center, voted as serving the Best Hoagie/Sub by the readers of Gateway Publications. Their oldest son, SCOTT WALKER '01, works for Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale, Calif.

ROBERT DAVIS '76, district supervisor for music education in the Miami-Dade County Public Schools, lives in Fort Lauderdale.

An investment advisor with Key Advisors Group, DWIGHT LYDIC '76 is a lieutenant colonel in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard and commander of the First Battalion, 109th Field Artillery. He lives in Boyertown, Pa., with his wife, NADINE RADER LYDIC '75, and their sons, Kurt and Jeffrey.

Continental Office Environments named Pittsburgh resident DEBRA KRUMENACKER '77, M'79 president of the Office Environments Division for Western Pennsylvania.

A graduate of Seabury Western Theological Seminary with a master's degree in divinity, the REVEREND MIMI DEIBLE LACY '78 is assistant rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Downers Grove, Ill. She lives in nearby Naperville with her husband, Tom, and daughters, Mary Kate, Anne, and Sally.

WILLIAM LUKES '79, president of Ritter Technology, lives in Gibsonia, Pa., with his wife, Chris.

1980s

RUTH GARVEY-NIX '80, vice chancellor for Student Affairs at Indiana University Southeast, lives in Louisville, Ky., with her husband, Larry.

After thirty-three years of teaching in the Department of English and Language Arts, MARGARET REID D'80 was promoted to full professor at Morgan State University, Md. She is the author of the book *Black Protest Poetry* (see *Bookends* section in this issue).

MICHAEL KOBAL '81, president and CEO of New Castle Recycling, lives in New Castle, Pa., with his wife, SUZAN PACE KOBAL '81, and their children, Kimi and Michael.

RICHARD LISKO '81 is vice president of business development for Allied Security's Texas region. He lives with his wife, Linda, and three children in Flower Mound, Tex.

FBI special agent JOHN MCMURTRIE '81, SWAT and firearms instructor and Internet fraud coordinator for the agency's Memphis division at Nashville, lives with his wife, Rhonda, in Franklin, Tenn.

VICKY TRIPONEY M'81 is vice president for student affairs at Pennsylvania State University.

AmeriNet Central vice president of human resources LINDA HAUBERT ALLEN '82, M'83 lives in Allison Park, Pa.

Vice president of finance for Eichelbergers, Inc., JAMES BAIRD '82 recently received his MBA from Temple University.

Licensed marriage and family therapist CINDY RALSTON DUENAS '82 is program director for the Center for Human Services in Modesto, Calif., where she lives with her husband, Pete, and children, Peter and Carly.

At the eightieth state conference of the Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Science, LEE JOHNSON FAULCONBRIDGE '82, a teacher at Lakeview Area School in Mercer County, was recognized as Teacher of the Year for her course in family living, which is now required for graduation from the school. She lives in Grove City, Pa., with her husband, DONALD FAULCONBRIDGE '76, and children, Gregory and Kellee.

THERESA TIMCIK LENGENFELDER '82, chief of community relations, plans, and programs for the Pacific Air Forces, is stationed at Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii with her husband, Douglas.

The Company We Keep

Composer Richard Danielpour **was in residence at IUP during April. Danielpour's visit was partially underwritten by Trustee Emeritus Frank Gorell, a longtime benefactor of the IUP Music Department and an alumnus of the Curtis Institute of Music, where Danielpour teaches.**

In celebration of Black History Month, writer and literature professor Pearl Duncan **visited IUP in February. The author of *DNA Dawns Bringing Daylight,* Duncan is the first person to use DNA to trace her ancestors.**

Alan Keyes, **past Presidential candidate and current U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. Social and Economic Council, and** Ralph Nader, **Green Party Presidential candidate and consumer advocate, met in Fisher Auditorium in April to debate the subject "Rogue Nations: Axis of Evil or Coalition of the Willing?"**

British diplomat Ray Raymond **visited the Robert E. Cook Honors College in February, speaking on the possibility of war with Iraq. He is military attaché to the British Consulate General's office in New York.**

***USA Today* reporter and Western Pennsylvania native** Tom Squitieri **was the speaker at Commencement ceremonies in May. A front-line reporter on the ongoing campaign against domestic and international terrorism, he has filed exclusive stories from Afghanistan and Uzbekistan. He currently covers the Pentagon, foreign affairs, and intelligence.**

DAVE DENTLER '83 is vice president of administration at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania. Formerly executive assistant to the president, he also retains the title and duties of secretary to the Board of Trustees.

University of the Sciences in Philadelphia named CAROLYN VIVALDI '83 as director of university relations.

WENDY WOLYNIEC ABELL '85, community director of Outlook Pointe at Lewisburg, lives in Milton, Pa., with her daughters, Alexis and Chloe.

IUP police sergeant and Army major GREGORY DAVIS '85 was deployed in Bosnia-Herzegovina from July, 2002, to April, 2003, serving as deputy provost marshal for Eagle Base.

DEAN HANES '85, manager of Ivan's Men's Wear and Women's Apparel, lives in Kersey, Pa., with his wife, Mary, and son, Ryan.

SHERI MINKOFF '85, executive director for the Hadassah Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, lives in Pittsburgh with her son, Aron.

IUP trustee TIM PULTE '85 was confirmed by the state Senate as a member of the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority and was also named to Governor-elect Ed Rendell's transition team for the Department of General Services. He lives in Glen Mills, Pa., with his wife, LAURA DEMYANEK PULTE '85, and their sons, Timmy, Brian, and Jack.

THOMAS FIDDLER '86, a senior member of the law firm Cozen O'Connor, lives in Lafayette Hill, Pa.

DAVID PATCHEN '86 is first vice president and national sales manager for Raymond James Financial Services in St. Petersburg, Fla.

An applications development manager for Sylvan Learning Systems, JUDE GABRIEL '87 lives in Ellicott City, Md., with his wife, Catherine, and children, Nathan and Ellen.

DANIEL PAJAK '87, a controller at Bethany College, lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Hollie, and sons, Nathaniel and Lucas.

General manager of GlobalPhone Corporation HELEN MCCOY FRASSMANN '89 lives in Alexandria,

Va., with her husband, Bryan, and daughter, Emma.

A shareholder in the firm of Marshall, Dennehey, Warner, Coleman, and Goggin, JOHN HARE '89 of the Philadelphia office is chairman of the company's appellate advocacy practice group.

1990s

MICHELE STEPHENS DESANTO '90, a closing coordinator for Howard Hanna Financial Services, lives in Valencia, Pa., with her husband, Damian, and daughter, Julia.

METTE TOMMERUP '90 exhibited her work at the first Art Basel Miami Beach, the sister event to the international Art Basel Switzerland art show.

LARRY WOOD '90 was elected to the partnership of the Pepper Hamilton law firm, focusing on commercial and employment-related litigation.

LORI RUDZINSKI ACKERMAN '91 received a master's degree in instructional systems from Penn State. She lives in Royersford, Pa., with her husband, Timothy, and son, Nathan.

BRAD "HAPPY" GELMAN '91 and his wife, LYNETTE WILSON GELMAN '92, launched a ministry to the working poor of Nashville called Heart of the City International.

MARK SPERING '91, a self-employed optometrist for East Penn Eye Associates, and his wife, KIMBERLY SCHERER SPERING '91, a family nurse practitioner for Medical Associates of the Lehigh Valley, live in Macungie, Pa., with their sons, Connor and Matthew.

High school administrator KEITH WOLFE '91, M'96 lives in Brookville, Pa., with his wife, Patty, and children, Hunter, Ainsley, and Isaac.

DAVID GECKLE '92, a music teacher for the Clairton City School District, and his wife, LEIGH BOWMAN GECKLE '93, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in archaeology at the University of Pittsburgh, live in Irwin, Pa., with their children, Benjamin, Cassandra, and Christopher. Benjamin completed a chemotherapy course of treatment for a Grade 1 brain tumor through Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and traveled with his family to Disney World, compliments of the Make-A-Wish Program.

JOE GLOWASKI '92, director of safety and human resources for Atlantic Precast Concrete, was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the National Precast Concrete Association. He lives in Quakertown, Pa.

The wedding ceremony of ANITA ANDRASKO '93, an interior designer with Home Depot in Greensburg, who runs her own design consulting business, and Jim DiTonto included bridesmaid CAROLYN GEORGE '00. The couple lives in Tarrs, Pa.

ROBERT GOLDBERG '93, manager of credit card operations for Marriott International in Bethesda, Md., lives in Falls Church, Va.

Helicopter pilot DEREK GOODRICH '93, stationed at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, was featured on the ABC television program *Profiles from the Front Line.*

The senior sales executive on the national advertising team for the *Indianapolis Star,* CARL MILLER '93 was named the 2002 Employee of the Year in Retail Sales Performance. He lives in Indianapolis with his wife, KELLY GILLESPIE MILLER M'95.

LORI FENTON STANIA '93, assistant director for budget and finance in Penn State Continuing Education, lives in Bellefonte, Pa., with her husband, Jim.

As head coach for the North Penn High School boys swim team in Lansdale, Pa., BRIAN FAIKISH '94 led them to the PIAA-AAA state championship last March and was named the 2002-2003 Pennsylvania State Water Polo Coach of the Year. Brian and his wife, MARY ANDERSON FAIKISH '93, also an employee of the North Penn School District, live in Lansdale with their sons, Sean and Ryan.

ROBERT GREGORY '94, M'96, who received his Educational Specialist's certificate in 1999, is a school psychologist with the Westmoreland Intermediate Unit at Kiski Area School District and is an outpatient mental health therapist at Family Services of Western Pennsylvania in New Kensington. He lives in Natrona Heights with his wife, Sue.

An administrative academic advisor at the University of Delaware, CHERYL DAVIS ROBINSON M'94 lives with her husband, Emmett, in Middletown, Del.

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Please note: News that appears in this issue arrived in the magazine office on or before April 11. If your news came in after that date, it will appear in the Fallr issue. News for that issue must *arrive* in the magazine office no later than **August 15, 2003.** News arriving after that date will appear in the Winter-Spring, 2004, issue. **News for Class Notes, Weddings, and Arrivals must be reported either by or with the explicit approval of the subject(s). Photos become the magazine's property and may or may not be returned.**

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IUP Classnotes

An operations manager at Viking Global Investors, Jennifer Emery DeSpirito '95 lives in New York City with her husband, Mark. She reported that Michael Bongiovanni '95, a Marine lieutenant, was stationed in Kuwait this past spring.

Kristopher Smith '95, sports editor for the Alexandria, Va.-based *Journal* Newspapers, lives in Germantown, Md., with his wife, Kelly McElroy Smith '98, and their son, Aleksandar.

A police officer in Bethlehem, Pa., and captain in the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, Wade Haubert '96 was sent to Southwest Asia as commander of the Army 228th Movement Control Team in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He lives in Walnutport, Pa., with his wife, Antoinette.

Jason Pregel '96, a safety and industrial hygiene specialist for Schering-Plough Pharmaceuticals, lives in Somerset, N.J.

An elementary school teacher at the Ranney School, Lindsey Roman '96 wed Anthony Concordia at the Muhlenberg College Chapel in a ceremony that included Laura Skok Hill '96 and Tara Woodard-Lehman '98. The couple resides in Red Bank, N.J.

Heidi Klym Speidel, M'96, a national certified counselor employed as a psychological services associate at Southwest Secure Treatment Facility, lives in Bolivar, Pa., with her husband, John, and daughter, Audrianne.

Pittsburgh residents Kelly McNamara '97, a systems analyst for Development Dimensions International, and Roy Casali were wed in a ceremony that included matron of honor Julia Pollock Brokmeyer '96 and bridesmaids Jennifer Shaffer Baiocco '96 and Betsy Roach Thomas '97.

Navy petty officer 2nd class Coleen Theodore '97 received a Letter of Commendation while assigned with Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

Durham, N.C., resident Shelby Thomas '97, a marketing representative for Galloway Ridge at Fearrington, married Paul Kanoy in a ceremony that included bridesmaids Natalie Wagner George '97, Kim D'Arcy-Morris '97, and Crystal Sidler '97.

Stephanie Buka M'99, a crime analyst for the Pittsburgh Port Authority, recently graduated from the Cyril Wecht Institute of Forensic Science and Law with a professional certificate in forensic science.

Adryan Gordon '99, an art teacher with Grandview Consolidated School District #4, is working toward an education specialist degree from Central Missouri State University and received the district's Teacher of the Year award for 2003-2004.

The photographic work of Chris Taylor '99, president and founder of TaylorArts Group, was exhibited at the *Roadside Memorials Shrines and Other Markers* show at the Garfield Artworks in Pittsburgh this past February. Visit *IUP Magazine Web Extra* for more information at *www.iup.edu/publications/iupmag/webextra* and view examples of his photos at *www.TaylorArtsGroup.com.*

2000s

U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Christopher Conrad '00 completed the twenty-three-week navigator training course, earning his "Wings of Gold" and being designated a navigator.

After a short career as a television news reporter in West Virginia, Heather Koss '00 married Jeff Di Giacomo in a ceremony that included attendants Jody Bostian '00, Kellee Finnegan '02, and Brandy Scanlon '02. Now a stay-at-home mother, she lives in Pittsburgh with her husband and their daughter, Gabriella.

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fessor Randy Jesick, KAREN FISHERWSKI '00, director of marketing and communications for Family Services in Eagleville, Pa., helped Cabrini College locate STEPHANIE EMERT '01 to be her replacement as media relations coordinator. Pittsburgh residents KATHY FITZGERALD '00, a social work graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh, and PETER KELLER '99, a sales representative for Anheuser-Busch, have announced their engagement.

BETH ANN LASH '00, program director for RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) in Pittsburgh, will receive her master's in education degree with reading specialist certification from the University of Pittsburgh this fall.

JACQUI HANDWORK '01 was promoted from an enlisted Navy journalist to ensign, serving as the public affairs officer for the Supreme Allied Command Detachment 122 reserve unit based out of Spokane, Wash., and as a reporter for the *Whitefish Pilot* in Whitefish, Mont.

Army sergeant KELLY LUSTER '01 was deployed in Bosnia-Herzegovina, starting in July, 2002, assigned to the Public Affairs Detachment at Eagle Base.

SCOTT WALKER '01 works for Lockheed Martin in Sunnyvale, Calif.

The wedding ceremony of Sunbury, Ohio, residents JILL JEFFCOAT '02, a teacher in the Delaware City School District, and Jared Smith included TODD SMITH '97 and NICOLE VIOLA '02.

The marriage ceremony of Indiana, Pa., residents JEFF RICE '02 and NICHOLE DIBERT '03 included maid of honor AMY SHOPE '02, best man JOSH BARBER '01, bridesmaids NICOLE HUEY '03, IUP freshman Ashley Decker and junior Emily Rice, and groomsmen MATT MENGEL '02 and MICHAEL SMITH '02.

Lost and Found

ALL MEMBERS OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA, MU CHI CHAPTER: A Yahoo Group has been established to communicate with one another. To subscribe, send an e-mail to *APhiO-MuChi-subscribe@yahoogroups.com* or contact Robert Goldberg at *robgoldberg@integrity.com.*

Awards

2002 Admissions Advertising Awards
In competition sponsored by HMR Publications Group, IUP's Publications Office won the Silver Award for an ad produced for the 2002 PITTSBURGH Magazine City Guide.

2002 ASAP Award for Most Outstanding Advisor
Presented to IUP Student Ambassadors advisor Mary Moore '91 by the Association for Student Advancement Programs

2002 ASAP Spirit Award
Presented to the IUP Student Ambassadors by the Association for Student Advancement Programs

2001 James Berlin Memorial Outstanding Dissertation Award
Presented to IUP student Katherine Sohn by the National Council of Teachers of English

2002 James Berlin Memorial Outstanding Dissertation Award
Presented to IUP student F. Elizabeth Graber by the National Council of Teachers of English

Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
Presented to sophomore math and physics major Brigid Mooney of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics

Distinguished Faculty Awards
❖ For creative arts, Music faculty member Daniel Perlongo
❖ For research, Biology faculty member Terry Peard
❖ For service, Nursing faculty member Mary Williams Sadler '76
❖ For teaching, English faculty member Linda Leighty McPherson '69, M'76

Fulbright Scholarship to Germany
Presented to senior Abby Brewer of the Robert E. Cook Honors College

IUP President's Medal of Distinction, the University's Highest Nondegree Award
Presented to Olive Fornear '33, in recognition of her sixteen years of official service and unconditional support of the university

IUP President's Medal of Distinction, the University's Highest Nondegree Award
Presented to Roger Reschini, in recognition of his dedication to and support for the university and the Indiana community

Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship
Presented to junior theater major Julianne Maximo of the Robert E. Cook Honors College, the only IUP student nominated for the award this year and the first ever to win. The award will cover tuition, room and board, required fees, and books for the remainder of her undergraduate degree.

IUP CHEERLEADERS FROM '91 THROUGH '95: Please contact JENNIFER EMERY DESPIRITO '95 (AKA Sara, L.J.) at *jdespirito@viking-global.com*

LINDA LONGFRITZ CHEZOSKY '89: Please contact BETSY FENSTERMACHER GAUGHAN '89 at 6402 New Street, Center Valley, Pa., 18034; phone 610-282-3847; or e-mail *Cignatz@aol.com.*

Weddings

1980s

HELEN MCCOY '89 to Bryan Frassmann, March 9, 2001.

1990s

KIMBERLY KUTCH '90 to Joseph Seth, September 21, 2002. ANITA ANDRASKO '93 to Jim DiTonto, October 26, 2002. LORI FENTON '93 to James Stania, October 5, 2002. CHERYL DAVIS M'94 to Emmett Robinson, September 27, 2002. ROBERT POTTS '95 to Lerissa Langdon, May 21, 2000. APRIL WALTERS '95 to Arthur Vigilante, June 22, 2002. HEIDI ABRAMS '96 to Anthony Dodds, August 24, 2002. LINDSEY ROMAN '96 to Anthony Concordia, November 24, 2002. KELLY MCNAMARA '97 to Roy Casali, November 2, 2002. SHELBY THOMAS '97 to Paul Kanoy, May 24, 2003. KELLEY FONDELIER '99 to Gary Schaefer, October 12, 2002. GENA KAY NOWICKI '99 to Michael McVitty, October 19, 2002.

2000s

JILL JEFFCOAT '02 to Jared Smith, July 27, 2002. JEFF RICE '02 to NICHOLE DIBERT '03, May 24, 2003.

Arrivals

1980s

To LISA HASSAN DESTEFANO '80 and Mark DeStefano, an adopted daughter, Hannah Theresa, May 17, 2002. To BRUCE LEVY '81 and JOYCE HINKLE LEVY '82, twins, Kyle and Zachary, August 14, 2002. To ANITA LONIERO DONCASTER '83 and Jim Doncaster, a daughter, Emma Grace, July 10, 2002. To LISA DICARLO MCCOLPIN '84 and Larry McColpin, a son, Jared Daniel, August 7, 2002. To KIMBERLY SCHEHR FULLWOOD '85 and Charles Fullwood, a daughter, Allison Nicole, July 31, 2002. To DEAN HANES '85 and Mary Hanes, a son, Ryan, October 15, 2001. To ELIZABETH HOWAT HATCHARD '86 and GEORGE HATCHARD '86, a daughter, Grace Olivia, February 10, 2003. To ELIZABETH BIANCO JENKINS '86 and Russell Jenkins, a daughter, Rebekah Joy, February 27, 2003. To FELICITY FEATHER CLANCY '87 and Daniel Clancy, a daughter, Megan Rose, January 5, 2003. To DAVID FAZZINI '87 and Linda Fazzini, a daughter, Katherine Grace, December 31, 2002. To JUDE GABRIEL '87 and Catherine Gabriel, a son, Nathan Richard, July 2, 2000, and a daughter, Ellen Louise, April 15, 2002. To DANIEL PAJAK '87 and Hollie Pajak, a son, Lucas Daniel, January 4, 2003. To DONITA BURNS CALEF '88 and Steve Calef, a daughter,

IUP Coming Up

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Young Alumni Event, Bar Anticipation, South Belmar, N.J., June 28
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State System Alumni Cruise to Scandinavia and Russia, July 20-August 2
State System Alumni Cruise from New York to Bermuda, August 10-17
Homecoming and Oak Leaf Festival, October 11

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Saturday Night Fever
Stomp
Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra
Seussical the Musical
Three Dog Night
Ballet Jazz de Montreal
Fame

Lively Arts
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University Museum
Leon-Litton Collection, Sutton Hall, April 19 through December

Athletics
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For complete schedules, contact the Office of Sports Information, *724-357-2747.*
Note: All football and basketball games are cybercast on the World Wide Web. See *www.iup.edu/athletics*

Football
Nebraska-Omaha, September 6, noon
West Virginia Tech, September 13, 7:00 p.m.
at New Haven, September 20, 1:00 p.m.
Millersville, September 27, 7:00 p.m.
at Clarion, October 4, 2:00 p.m.
Edinboro, October 11 (Homecoming), 2:00 p.m.
at California, October 18, 2:00 p.m.
at Lock Haven, October 25, 1:00 p.m.
Shippensburg, November 1, 1:30 p.m.
Slippery Rock, November 8, 1:30 p.m.
at Bloomsburg, November 15, 1:00 p.m.

Classnotes

Morgan Gloria, November 8, 2002. To Michael Higgins '88 and Claudia Higgins, a son, Nathan Andrew, July 23, 2002. To Sharon Debski Stalder '88 and Matthew Stalder, a son, Benjamin Matthew, August 31, 2002. To Helen McCoy Frassmann '89 and Bryan Frassmann, a daughter, Emma Katherine, January 4, 2002. To Sally Ferree Lamm '89 and Robert Lamm, a son, William Robert, February 25, 2003. To Leda Eannace Niccolai '89 and Brian Niccolai '90, twins, Giovanna Rebecca and Isabella Lynn, February 10, 2003. To Tony Snyder '89 and Mindy Bowman Snyder '90, a son, Ethan James, October 17, 2002.

1990s

To Michele Stephens DeSanto '90 and Damian DeSanto, a daughter, Julia Marie, February 22, 2003. To Jane Anderson Wymer '90 and Randal Wymer, twins, Ethan Charles and Hannah Marie, November 2, 2002. To Lori Rudzinski Ackerman '91 and Timothy Ackerman, a son, Nathan Ross, September 10, 2002. To Susan Graham Harron '91 and Ed Harron, a son, Liam Graham, August 15, 2000, and a daughter, Katherine Elizabeth, September 10, 2002.

To Kimberly Scherer Spering '91 and Mark Spering '91, a son, Connor Jacob, September 27, 2002. To Keith Wolfe '91, M'96 and Patty Wolfe, a son, Isaac James, December 31, 2002. To Jason Reinke '92 and Monica Hudak Reinke '92, a son, Jake Thomas, December 17, 2002. To Mary Anderson Faikish '93 and Brian Faikish '94, a son, Sean Anderson, November 6, 2001, and a son, Ryan Anderson, February 5, 2003. To Kerri Holman Laughery '93 and Frank Laughery '95, a daughter, Madison June, January 14, 2003. To Jennifer Weinberg Minafri '93 and Scott Minafri, a son, Jared Mitchell, January 7, 2003. To Jennifer Foreman Metz '94 and John Metz, a son, Connor William, July 30, 2001. To Amy Van Gaasbeck Gelinger '95 and Ian Gelinger, a daughter, Peyton Nicole, July 29, 2002. To Kristin Herring Hahn '95 and Terry Hahn, a daughter, Mackenzie Anne, December 22, 2002. To Anita Barrilli Newby '95 and Byron Newby '96, a son, Ryan Michael, November 26, 2002. To Robert Potts '95 and Lerissa Langdon, a son, Erik Matthew, March 10, 2003. To Kristopher Smith '95 and Kelly McElroy Smith '98, a son, Aleksandar Daniel,

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BOOKENDS & EXHIBITIONS
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Ed Simpson **wrote the play *Additional Particulars*, published by Samuel French.**

Thomas Slater **coedited *American Silent Film: Discovering Marginalized Voices*, released through Southern Illinois University Press.**

Xi Wang **translated the Chinese edition of Eric Foner's *The Story of American Freedom*, published in Beijing by The Commercial Press.**

EXHIBITIONS BY FACULTY MEMBERS
Parker Boerner **exhibited her work at the Houston Art Association's *19th Annual Open Juried Exhibition*, Harvard Square's *Cambridge Arts National Prize Show*, the *Fifth National Juried Exhibition* at New York's Ceres Gallery, and the *First National All Media Juried Exhibit* at the Artist's Museum in Washington, D.C.**

Fuyuko Matsubara **showed her work at the *Juried International Fiber Exhibition* at the Pendulum Gallery in Vancouver, Canada, and received the Norma Walker Memorial Award, Best of Show at the *Juried National Fine Craft Exhibition* at the Lincoln Center Galleries, Fort Collins, Colo.**

Susan Palmisano **exhibited her artwork at the *National Juried Competition* at New York's Solo Exhibition Gallery.**

Patricia Villalobos **exhibited her work at *ArtISTMO* at Museo de Arte y Diseno Contemporaneo in San Jose, Costa Rica; *MAPC Mixed Metaphors* at the University of Wyoming Art Museum; *Noorderlicht 2002 Photofestival* at the Fries Museum, Leeuwarden, the Netherlands; *POST-FLESH* at the California State University at Sacramento Library Gallery; *III Central American Bienal of Art* at Palacio de la Cultura, Managua, Nicaragua; and *III Iberoamerican Biennial of Lima* at Centro Artes Visuales, Lima, Peru.**

JOURNALS
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RUNNING MATES

LIKE A PAIR OF FUGITIVES FROM JUSTICE, DON AND TAMMY SLUSSER ARE STILL ON THE RUN.

BY BOB FULTON

PHOTOGRAPHY BY KEITH BOYER



Don and Tammy Slusser outside their Monroeville, Pa., home

At an age when their contemporaries typically embrace more sedentary pursuits, these former IUP All-Americans—Don graduated in 1973, Tammy in 1987—continue searching as diligently as Diogenes for the next race to run, the next challenge to undertake.

Their devotion to distance running is such that they went for a nine-mile run on their first date and competed in the Butler 10K on the day they were married. It was only fitting, since they're wed to running as much as each other.

"It's our lifestyle," says Don, a health and physical education teacher in the Woodland Hills School District in suburban Pittsburgh. "I mean, everything we do is geared around running, even our social life. We have an understanding between us that there's running and then you work out the other details."

Their passion for pounding the pavement is reflected in the following figures:

- The Slussers calculate they've run some 225,000 miles—the equivalent of nine trips around the world—since the start of their college careers.
- They've competed in a combined 150 marathons, those grueling 26.2-mile ordeals that can leave even the fittest athletes howling in agony.
- Don did not miss a single day of running in a span of twenty-seven years, abandoning his Ripken-like streak only when a knee injury forced him to the sidelines.
- Tammy has competed in a total of twenty nations, her global odyssey taking her to all six inhabited continents.

They are running mates in the truest sense. Why, the Slussers couldn't resist the siren song of the race schedule even on their wedding day. Their walk down the aisle followed a run through Butler, accompanied by nearly the entire bridal party.

"A lot of people can't believe we did that," says Tammy, a teller at PNC Bank in Monroeville, where the Slussers reside. "What was nice, it was something different and it made the day memorable for everyone. And, we were on television. During our reception, somebody turned on the news, and one of the stations had a little blurb about it. Then, a couple of national cable stations picked up the story."

As the Slussers learned when they competed in the Virginia Beach Firecracker 5K on their honeymoon. A fellow runner remarked on "these crazy people in Pennsylvania who raced the morning they got married," never suspecting the newlyweds were in his midst.

Crazy is a word some apply good-naturedly to the Slussers and their fanatical devotion to distance running. Don understands completely. After all, he used to go for two runs each day, the first at 6 a.m. "I was a sickie," he admits. As proof, Slusser ran every single day from January 3, 1972, to June 10, 1999, shrugging off ailments and illnesses and the kind of wintry blasts that would've kept Admiral Peary indoors. Knee surgery finally brought an end to his remarkable run of runs.

"It was twenty-seven years, five months, and eight days—if you want it in days, it's 10,024," he says, rattling off the figures as casually as others might their telephone number. "During that time I ran 137,329 miles, averaging 5,006 miles a year, 95.9 miles a week, and 13.7 miles a day."

Anyone that fixated on mileage was a natural for the marathon. In his prime, Slusser ranked among the best in the nation. He finished ninth in the prestigious Boston Marathon in 1976, won the Glass City Marathon in Toledo, Ohio, on three occasions, and in 1980 clocked a 2:17:43 at the U.S. Olympic trials, a personal best by nearly four minutes.

Slusser ran his first marathon while an IUP sophomore. His coach, Lou Sutton, drove him to Boston in 1971 and watched the start from a perch in a tree. Slusser finished fifty-first in a field of 887 with a time of two hours, thirty-seven minutes, forty-six seconds. He became the track and field program's first running All-American a year later by placing sixth in the marathon at the NAIA meet in Montana, then duplicated his finish and All-America honor as a senior.

Tammy took up marathoning after leaving IUP, where she was a five-time All-American in cross country and track and field. As Tammy Donnelly, she won the 10,000-meter event at the 1986 NCAA Division II meet in Los Angeles to become the first IUP runner, male or female, to claim a national championship. But she yearned to tackle even longer distances. So in 1989, Tammy joined Don at the starting line of the Pittsburgh Marathon, a race she has since won twice. That day, however, her inexperience was as conspicuous as Sylvester's lisp.

"I just wasn't ready for it," Slusser says. "My training wasn't all that great, my mileage really wasn't where it should have been, and I was ten pounds overweight. I never drank water in a race before, so after the first water stop, when water went up my nose, I didn't drink any more. I went out way too fast—I didn't know how to pace a marathon because I'd never run one. At the twenty-mile mark, reality set in. Oh, man, did I hit the wall. People were passing me left and right."

She finished in thirtieth place, in 3:05:35. Embarrassed, Slusser trained assiduously for her next marathon, in

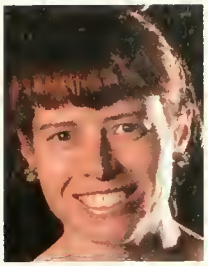
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THEY ARE RUNNING MATES IN THE TRUEST SENSE... THEIR WALK DOWN THE AISLE FOLLOWED A RUN THROUGH BUTLER, ACCOMPANIED BY NEARLY THE ENTIRE BRIDAL PARTY.

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Chicago. She knocked more than twenty minutes off her Pittsburgh time (2:43:03) to finish in fourteenth place and collect prize money. Victories soon followed in Virginia Beach, in Morocco, in Bermuda, and, in 1994, in Pittsburgh, where Slusser had so inauspiciously launched her marathon career.

"That was definitely the highlight of my whole running career, that and winning nationals in college my junior year," she says. "If I had to pick one, Pittsburgh would be it. It was my hometown race, my personal record (2:37:14), and my whole family was watching."

In contrast to many of her races, which take place in distant lands. Like a female Phileas Fogg, Slusser has circled the globe, competing in exotic locales like Australia, Japan, Thailand, Tahiti, Turkey, Trinidad, Barbados, Guatemala, Colombia, Peru, Spain, and France. She invariably returns home with pricey mementos and priceless memories.

"One day I went running in this circular, grassy area near the Colosseum," says Slusser, recalling a trip to Italy for the Rome Marathon. "I found out later it used to be the Circus Maximus, where the Romans held chariot races. I was running where people once raced in chariots."

A sense of wonder fills her voice, as if it's inconceivable just how far running far has taken her—has taken them both, in fact. At an age when others are slowing down, the Slussers continue to pound the pavement, their sights fixed on lofty goals. Tammy is hoping to qualify for the U.S. Olympic trials for a fourth time and to add more stamps to her passport. Don will run his 100th marathon, at Pittsburgh, in 2004; even past the age of fifty, he hums along like a BMW. Having piled up some 162,000 miles, he's looking to the day his personal odometer hits 200,000.

The Slussers, like fugitives on the lam from the law, live their lives on the run. Who knew, this long after leaving IUP, that they would continue to enter races, to compete in marathons, to test the limits of their endurance? They certainly didn't.

"Back in college, I couldn't have imagined I would still be competing thirty years later," Don says. "And Tammy probably never dreamed that running would take her around the world. It's kind of amazing where running has taken us."

Don and Tammy Slusser



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IUP Classnotes

December 8, 2002. To NICHOLAS VERNA '95 and Rebecca Verna, twins, Sydney Victoria and Thomas Dale, October 16, 2002. To KRISTEN HEDLING VILLARRIAL '95 and CHRIS VILLARRIAL '96, a son, Levi Christopher, November 21, 2002. To BONNIE COYLE WALDENVILLE '95 and Jeremy Waldenville, a son, Noah Raymond, December 26, 2002. To JENNIFER ESTNICK HAY '96 and Dwayne Hay, a son, Jackson Conrad, February 7, 2003. To HEIDI KLYM SPEIDEL M'96 and John Speidel, a daughter, Audrianne Marie, February 14, 2003.

Deaths

1926: Dorothy Knox Warner. **1929:** Audrey Barr Faloon.

1930: Edna Lease Montgomery. **1931:** Kathryn Cunningham Broslet. **1932:** Mildred Peters Rearick. **1933:** Kathryn Stephens Barbor. **1935:** Elizabeth Schwarz Kapsar. **1936:** Marie Szenyo Beaucaire, Karl Byers, Jane Dick McGregor, John Sansonetti. **1937:** Minnie Hageman. **1939:** Jane King Luchsinger

1942: Carolyn "Cookie" Yanity Boyd, Sara Startzell Houk. **1943:** Alice Long. **1948:** Joan McArdle Shultz

1950: Ralph Todd. **1951:** Lenora Murray DeBernardo, Mary Lawson Marsico, David Waterman. **1953:** Herman Litzinger. **1954:** Clifford Lake. **1958:** John O'Malley. **1959:** Nancy Madill Zebrun

1963: Margaret Killian DeLuca, David Schall. **1964:** Rita Janulewicz Elseth

1970: Richard "Dick" Fuller. **1971:** John "Jack" Kearns. **1979:** Brian Stocker

1982: Lois Lutz

1996: Elmer "Jay" Haymon

2001: Christine Papotto. **2002:** Matthew Hornick

Other Deaths

BENJAMIN CLARK, a part-time student at IUP, died March 13, 2002.

EDWARD COLEMAN, a faculty member in the Chemistry Department from 1964 until his retirement in 1996, died April 19, 2003.

CONRAD GATES, who taught in the Department of Industrial and Labor Relations from 1981 until his retirement in 1994, died February 18, 2003.

MICHELE PFEIFER, a senior in Studio Art at IUP, died in an automobile accident on April 16, 2003.

The Miracle Workers

BY BOB FULTON / PHOTOGRAPHY BY BARRY REEGER

Handed a recipe for disaster, Sandy Thomas never expected to cook up a season to remember.

Her IUP women's basketball team lost three key players to season-ending injuries, was forced to rely heavily on four freshmen, and started 0-3 in Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference play. Prospects were as bleak as Fargo in February.

But a team seemingly headed for oblivion headed to the playoffs instead. The Indians won ten of eleven games in one stretch, climbed from last place to second in the PSAC West, advanced to the conference semifinals, and finished with a 19-9 record. Only two teams in the program's history won more games.

"I never would've thought we'd come this far this year," said Thomas. "I think this team had a pretty miraculous year, considering some of the injuries and such."

Miraculous certainly describes the turn of events that righted IUP's listing ship. The Indians came within a half-second of falling to 0-4 in the conference, the amount of time left when Clarion's Allison Stodart nailed

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Coach Sandy Thomas, left, and Sarah Zdesar

The Miracle Workers

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a three-pointer to apparently seal a 77-75 victory. But when the Eagles poured onto the floor in celebration—a premature celebration, given that IUP was just then inbounding the ball—they were assessed a technical foul for having too many players on the court. Junior Jess Conner coolly canned both free throws to send the game into overtime.

The Indians ultimately prevailed, 95-92, despite having three freshmen on the floor and three starters on the bench, victims of foul trouble. A team filled with doubts suddenly became a team filled with confidence.

"That game was definitely our turning point," said center Sarah Zdesar, the team's only senior. "If we'd lost and dropped to 0-4, we probably would've kicked the bucket. But when we won, we kind of came together."

Two other victories exemplified the indomitable spirit that made IUP virtually unbeatable down the stretch. In the first, the Indians beat Edinboro, 72-66, after battling back from a fourteen-point deficit, an uphill climb that left them emotionally and physically spent.

"Our whole team just gave it every last ounce of strength we had," Zdesar said. "It was such an up-tempo, leave-your-guts-on-the-floor game that when the buzzer went off all I could say was 'Thank God it's over.' I could've probably dropped on the floor. I had nothing else to give."

Zdesar barely had the energy to celebrate with her teammates.

"That was a game Sarah really showed her true colors, because that girl was exhausted," Thomas said. "She reminded me of the game that Michael Jordan played when he had the flu and fell into Scottie Pippin's arms at the end."

IUP also overcame a daunting deficit at Shippensburg. Despite trailing by fifteen at one point and by ten with four minutes left, the Indians roared back and won, 65-64, on junior forward Jacqui Martin's bucket with thirteen seconds remaining.

"I attribute the way we won some of those games to the work ethic and determination of our team and a never-say-die attitude," Thomas said. "I heard a saying during the NCAA women's tournament that the will has to be more than the skill. I think my team's will this year was hard to beat."

Zdesar personified that resolve by figuratively hoisting her teammates onto her shoulders and carrying them at times. She averaged 17.7 points and 10.7 rebounds per game to become the first woman in IUP history to average double figures in both categories in back-to-back seasons, earned All-PSAC West first-team honors, and was named to the Daktronics Division II East Region first team.

What's more, Zdesar's leadership was critical, especially in the wake of season-ending injuries to juniors Jordin Schaffner, Courtnay Rattigan, and Lauren Canavan. She and Martin, who averaged 16.4 points per game, shepherded IUP's flock of freshmen through the PSAC West gauntlet. Mame Brumbaugh, Abbey Moore, Kara Taylor, and Julie Gallo grew up in a hurry and made significant contributions to IUP's success. All four started at various times.

"Our freshmen matured and got better throughout the season," said Zdesar. "It was like night and day from the first game to the last game. They really did step up."

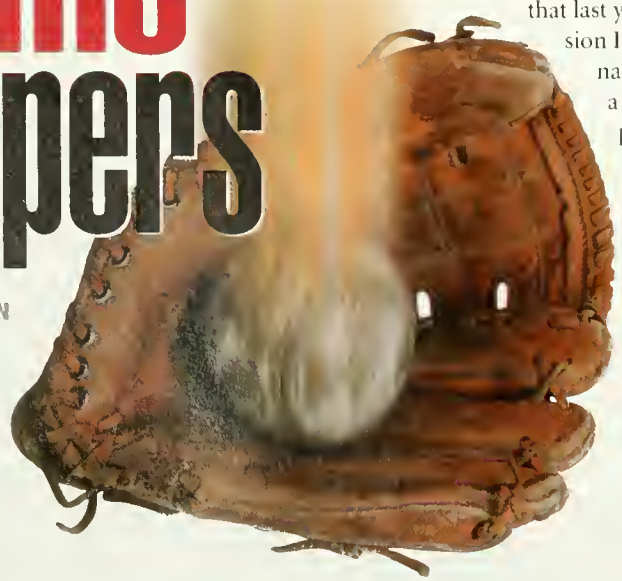
Of course, the rookies had to look no further than Zdesar for an example of a player who regularly rose to the challenge. Take, for example, her stellar performance in the PSAC playoffs. Zdesar helped the Indians bury Edinboro, 86-59, with thirty-two points and nineteen rebounds and then tallied twenty-one points and eighteen rebounds in a 67-64 semifinal loss to West Chester.

"Sarah Zdesar was the heart and soul of this basketball team," Thomas said. "She just gave a gigantic effort. When that last game was over, what hit me first was 'Sarah's done.' I told the team afterward that I felt sadder about losing Sarah Zdesar than I did about losing the game."

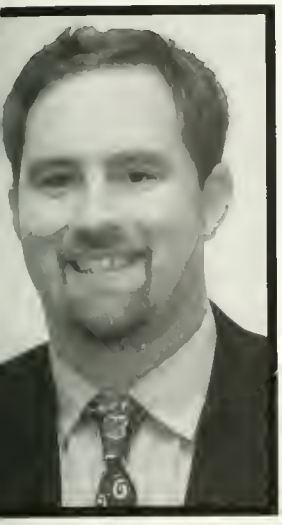
After all, it was Zdesar who carried the Indians farther than anyone had dreamed possible. She was the key ingredient that enabled IUP to turn a recipe for disaster into a season to remember.

Name Droppers

BY BOB FULTON



Pardon **Dave Caldwell** if he's less apt to associate *Party of Five* with the television program than with his swimming program—specifically with the youngsters who helped spark a glorious revival. Consider that last year, no IUP women qualified for the NCAA Division II meet; this year, five accompanied their coach to nationals. Four came back as All-Americans (based on a top-eight finish), while the fifth missed by only one place. And in a sign that bodes well for the future, Caldwell's party of five included four freshmen. No wonder he was thrilled by what transpired in Grand Forks, N.D. "Especially since everyone was a newcomer to nationals," said Caldwell, who was named the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference women's Coach of the Year. "It's a different kind of meet. You're swimming against people that are national champions or Olympic swimmers for their national teams. A lot of freshmen, they're wide-eyed, in awe. But ours did a really good job."



Dave Caldwell

Most notably **Luci Plaxton**, a Canadian import who placed fourth in the 100 freestyle, the best finish by an IUP swimmer. Her time of 51.37 seconds shattered the school record set three years before by fourteen-time All-American Petra Adamkova. "That was a huge highlight," said Caldwell. "For one thing, no one thought Petra's record would be beaten anytime soon. And second, Luci was almost in last place going into the first turn. She just blew by everyone through the middle of the race." That remarkable comeback paralleled her team's: Not only did Plaxton, freshmen **Melanie Morris** and **Meagan Cleary**, and sophomore **Clare Thomas** return from nationals as All-Americans, they led IUP to a fourteenth-place finish. Last year, the Indians finished seventh in the conference. And in another sign of the revival sparked by IUP's party of five, the team's dual-meet record improved from 3-7 to 9-1—one of the best in school history.

Sophomore **Ben Oshri** represented the IUP men at nationals and earned All-America honorable mention accolades by finishing eleventh in the 200 freestyle and twelfth in the 200 backstroke. A native of Israel, Oshri was the only IUP swimmer, male or female, to win a PSAC championship this season. He took top honors in the 200 backstroke after breaking an eleven-year-old meet record in the preliminaries with a time of 1:51.40.

Junior **Becky Bullard** leaped 5-5¾ in the high jump to finish ninth at the NCAA Division II indoor track and field meet in Boston, one place below the cutoff for All-America honors. Bullard was voted the Most Outstanding Athlete at the PSAC indoor meet after she won the high jump and pentathlon and finished second in the 800-meter run. Freshman Jermaine Clayton, who won the 55-meter dash in a meet-record 6.42 seconds and placed fourth in the triple jump, was named the PSAC indoor Rookie of the Year.

Jim Hostler '89 has been hired as quarterbacks coach of the New York Jets, where he'll tutor Chad Pennington, one of the NFL's most promising players. Hostler, a cornerback at IUP and later a member of the coaching staff, previously served as an assistant with the Kansas City Chiefs and New Orleans Saints.

Freshman guard **Ed Peterson** was named the PSAC West Rookie of the Year, and junior forward **Fannar Olafsson** earned PSAC West second-team honors after leading the men's basketball team to a 16-11 record. Peterson averaged 10.6 points and 3.7 assists per game and ranked fifth in the PSAC in three-point shooting percentage (.412), while Olafsson averaged 9.2 points per game and led IUP in rebounds (7.6). The Indians failed to qualify for the conference playoffs, ending a run of ten consecutive postseason appearances.

The IUP club hockey team advanced to the American College Hockey Association Division II national tournament in Anaheim, Calif., but was swept in pool play by Colorado State (6-2), Stony Brook (2-1), and Illinois (10-8). Although it ended on a sour note, the season was a smash success for the Indians (27-9-4), who set a school record for victories. "We had a great year," said coach **Sam Kelly**. "We finished a half-game out of first place in the University Hockey League behind Penn State, and we beat them in the playoffs to win the UHL championship. Then we went to the ACHA tournament for the third time in the last five seasons. I think we've shown we can play with the best teams in the nation." The Indians were led by junior winger **Matt Sargo**, who paced the Southeast Region in scoring with fifty-five points on twenty-three goals and thirty-two assists.

Seniors **Brian Eyerman** and **Carmelo Ocasio** represented IUP at the Cactus Bowl, the annual Division II all-star game in Kingsville, Tex. Eyerman completed seven of nineteen passing attempts for eighty-two yards, and Ocasio caught three aerials for fifty-nine yards as their East team prevailed, 19-7. Eyerman was a regional finalist for the Harlon Hill trophy last fall, and Ocasio was named to the Associated Press and D2Football.com All-America teams.

Senior volleyball standout **Laura Hall** and junior football player **Josh Telenko** were fall recipients of the PSAC Top Ten award, which recognizes academic and athletic excellence. Hall, an elementary education major who entered her final semester with a 4.0 grade-point average, was selected as the Verizon Volleyball Academic All-American of the Year and named the PSAC West Player of the Year for the third time. Telenko, who has compiled a 3.79 GPA as a management major, repeated as the PSAC West first-team placekicker.

Junior forward **Jacqui Martin** was a third-team selection on the Verizon College Division Academic All-America basketball squad, for which all players below the Division I level are eligible. A math education major, Martin has posted a perfect 4.0 GPA through five semesters.

Robert Gregory '94, M'96, who began his powerlifting career in the Memorial Field House weight room, took first place in the 187-pound Pure, Natural, Novice, Sub-masters 1, and Sub-masters Pure divisions at the Natural Athlete Strength Association Deadlift National Championships in Springfield, Ohio. Gregory had a best deadlift of 474 pounds. He is a doctoral student in the Educational and School Psychology Department at IUP.



Luci Plaxton

Bob Ogoreuc '89 stepped down after twelve seasons as Slippery Rock's men's and women's swimming coach to focus on his teaching duties and various national aquatic projects. Besides writing life-saving manuals, designing learn-to-swim programs, and training Ocean City, N.J., firefighters in surf-rescue techniques, Ogoreuc has worked as a research diver at the wreck of the steamer *Commodore*, which sank off the coast of Florida during the Spanish-American War. "I had so many projects something had to give," he said of his decision to leave coaching. "I couldn't pass up something like the *Commodore* project, where we do underwater mapping and archaeological work. To be involved in something like that is pretty special." Ogoreuc, a four-time All-PSAC swimmer at IUP, led his Slippery Rock teams to a 101-53-1 dual-meet record.

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